

## Question paper leaks

### *Take steps to stop it for good*

THE Education Minister on Friday blamed a section of teachers for the question paper leaks that have continually plagued our education system. According to him, questions are leaked and shared on social media right after they are handed over to teachers on exam day.

Because of leaks, meritorious students, who do not want to have anything to do with leaked question papers have seriously lost out, over the years, to others who do, compromising the accreditation value of the country's educational institutions and examinations.

As questions are leaked, instead of studying, some students may simply wait to get their hands on leaked questions. This seriously undermines the spirit of fairness and encourages students to commit corrupt practices at a very young age. Is it then difficult to understand why corruption is so widespread in all sectors of the society? Having known the severity of the costs, why have the authorities not taken fool proof steps to end this?

Whatever the reasons are, they are clearly unacceptable. The authorities, instead of placing the blame here and there, must take responsibility and formulate a comprehensive strategy to bring an end to this odious practice. This should include holding those involved accountable, regardless of who they are, and making examples of them.