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Note book issue

Dear Editor,

There has been a long controversy in the country over the issue of note books. We are all very much familiar with note books. Whether we call them as guide books or not our students (and in many cases the teachers as well) have been using note books perhaps from the very beginning of modern education in this country during the British rule.

Neither the students nor the teachers and even the book sellers can be blamed for such an unwanted development. A faulty education system only suitable for running the administration in a colonial country was responsible for making our education dependent on note books. Though the note books have done harm to the nation as a whole for generations to-

gether it could not probably be totally done away with as long as our present education system is not fundamentally changed.

In this connection we like to state that though a ban on note books had been imposed long ago, printing and selling of these books could not at all be stopped for many years. Even now when the book sellers of the country have started an organised movement demanding a legal right for printing and selling note books, one having any knowledge of our education system knows that the note books are available everywhere openly. But the movement of the book sellers who kept their stalls closed on January 15 to strengthen their demand might give an impression that the note books are not sold in the market now. All know that there is actually no dearth of these books.

Obviously it is bound to be so long as there is any necessity, and if there is demand in the market for any commodity it will either be produced or smuggled into the country to meet the demand of the large number of consumers.

What we like to say is that through a long process our education system has been totally made dependent on note books as a result of which the imaginative and creative powers of our student community are not being developed at all. It might cripple the creative power of teachers even.

In this situation the present-day education too might find itself crippled without note books. So the first thing needed to be done is to remove the necessity of note books and this can be done only by changing the system of our education totally.

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