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### English Medium Schools And Colleges

Sir,

Although the Ministry of Education announced sometime ago that SSC and HSC examinations will be allowed to be held alternatively in English from 1991, the concerned Board and Directorate have not received any directive/guideline yet from the Ministry.

English medium schools and colleges being encouraged from ministerial decision and announcement last year, had applied for registration with the Board but nothing could happen due to lack of official directive to this effect.

Demand for English medium school and college education has risen tremendously in the recent years but facilities have not been allowed to grow due to absence of a clear-cut policy guidelines. The situation is unfortunate. Let it be known to all that increasing number of our school and college students are going to foreign countries for English medium education at the cost of scarce foreign exchange. If we were little serious about it, we could provide all the required facilities to our students at home.

English is not only an international language, it is considered pillar of success by many of our students and parents alike. We urge the authorities concerned to clear up all the obstacles and hurdles that stand in the way of setting up of English medium schools and colleges — both public and private. For equitable distribution of opportunities we look forward to seeing establishment of English medium schools and colleges throughout the country at the shortest possible time.

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