

## LETTERS

### Public Examinations

Sir,—Examination is an integral part of education. It is the determining factor of progress in studies. Without examination education is meaningless. Standard of examination in our country is now in a deteriorating condition. Faulty teaching methods and defective system in the conduct of public examinations including the present environment in educational institutions are liable for this. If these defects are there in the conduct of public examinations it will hardly be possible to determine or assess the standard or quality what is being achieved by our young generation. It will be a success if we are able to impart proper education to our young generation and assess their ability and quality through public examinations provided they are conducted fairly. I think we may bring about a revolutionary change in examination system if we could conduct all the public examinations ranging from S.S.C. to Degree (Pass) including other vocational and recruitment examinations by setting an ideal examination centre in each of the subdivisions of the country according to the following suggestions.

Village and town centres should be merged with the best one in the subdivision for maintaining balance in the conduct of public examinations.

Each centre is required to be managed by a powerful efficient staff from among Government employees not belonging to the subdivision where the centre is located.

The centres are to be frequently supervised and guided by a high powered team of allied officers such as Subdivisional Officer Circle Officers, thana and subdivisional education officers, heads of the educational institutions etc. during the time of examination.

Each of the centres should be made spacious and well protected by a strong wall of enclosure surrounding the whole campus so that no unwanted person or persons may trespass the same at any time.

Efficient and honest teachers should be given an opportunity for the conduct of public examinations with special power and responsibility.

The S.S.C. examination may be fairly conducted at the centre with the cooperation of the heads of schools and college teachers and in like manner the H.S.C. examination may be fairly and safely conducted there with the help of the heads of private colleges and Government college teachers. Degree examination may also be held there peacefully and uniformly with the joint effort of the private and Government college teachers and the activities of the teachers may be guided by a university visiting team in this regard from time to time according to requirement. Honours and post-degree and other equivalent examinations of one university may be conducted by deputing external examiners and invigilators of another university at the campus of the preceding one. Books and papers are to be taken away from the examinees beforehand i.e. before their entrance into their examination halls.

Objective type questions are to be prepared as far as practicable. Concerned places are to be controlled effectively with a view to checking the leakage of question papers including the confidential matters.

If the newly established institutions are merged or amalgamated with the old ones and subsequently nationalised in the interest of the country and for safeguarding the service of the employees it is likely to yield the desired result as the persons concerned shall be encouraged.

All the education boards of the country should be immediately merged into one National Education Board for the sake of better administration in connection with the smooth and fair conduct of public examinations and the maintenance of uniformity in syllabi and curricula.

These should be a reasonable interval in examination for the sake of preparation.

If the scheme is accordingly followed it will be possible to maintain a uniformity in the conduct of all public examinations in all the centres of the country.—Yours etc. M.D. ZAINUL ABEDIN MIAN NAZIR HAT COLLEGE CHITTAGONG