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Poor Standard Of Education

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THERE is an accepted belief that, education is the only factor that lies behind the strength and development of any country. Without education no country can develop. For example, Japan was an underdeveloped country before the second world war. But, nowadays, Japan is one of the most developed countries in the world. Japan reached this position by increasing its educational standard. The literacy rate of Japan is 99%, whereas in Bangladesh it is only 23%. The standard of education in Bangladesh is very poor. Political instability, poor and ineffective national budget distribution and lack of support from educated people are the reasons behind this.

Political instability is a major cause of the poor educational standard in Bangladesh. Change in government means policy change. When one government makes an education policy and is not able to implement it

properly the nation suffers. As government changes every three or four years, no durable policy can be taken. It takes at least a decade to implement policy effectively. New governments come with new policies and do not want to follow those policies which have been made by the previous governments. In this situation, no policy can be made.

In order to implement a good policy for increasing the standard of education, first of all, we need to have political stability. For example, one elected government will continue at least five years to implement policies properly, and we must take short-term policy which might be taken within five years etc. This way, we might be able to stabilize our political situation which will help us to increase our standard of education by implementing new policies in the educational system.

In addition to political instability, the national budget is one of the

most important reasons for poor standard of education in Bangladesh. Government spending in educational development is not up to the mark. The government must provide security for its citizens but simultaneously the government should pay attention to its citizens for developing educational skills. The Bangladesh government should spend the lion's portion of budget in education. We have insufficient educational institutions besides poor standard of education. A rational budget will help Bangladesh establish educational institutes at all levels to increase the rate of literacy and educate people within a few decade. Bangladesh has a lack of educated people who can encourage other people to be educated. The majority of people who have foreign degrees hardly return to Bangladesh. Once people find better life abroad they have reasons not to go back to their Third World country because of the instability and poor opportuni-

ties.

Bangladesh is losing a good percentage of educated people that could have led Bangladesh in the right direction.

If these educated people, who are successful in their life, came back to Bangladesh, other people would be encouraged to be educated by observing the present educated people. So, we must encourage people to come back to Bangladesh after completing their education. At all levels the government must take actions that will improve the educational status in Bangladesh. In my opinion, encouraging people would be the first step that the government should take to accomplish our goal of education. Obviously, the government need support from people for establishing a good educational system. So, we must cooperate with the government to set-up an example of a good nation to the world.