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Primary scholarship

The primary school scholarships are awarded on union and thana basis. The union basis scholarships go even to those with 33 per cent marks. These pupils obviously cannot do well at the later stages. Some even get plucked at the Secondary School certificate examination.

In earlier times when these scholarships were awarded on the basis of merit the scholars made good grades in later examinations. But now the scholarships go even to the third divisioners at the primary level. The spatial considerations run counter to those of merit and wield an unhealthy influence over the whole atmosphere.

Again, since 1992 English has been included in the syllabus for the primary school scholarship examination. But hardly any teacher at the primary level can teach English. Though English is supposed to be a compulsory subject these days in the primary school, hardly any pupil learns anything of the language upto class V.

To cope with the situation I would suggest aptitude test for English teaching for appointment of primary school teachers and award of scholarships on merit basis.

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