

Open University

Sir,

This refers to the letters under the heading "BOU Programme" and "Bangladesh Open University" by Mr Md Tajul Islam and Mr Md Mansur Billah appearing in these columns of your esteemed daily of August 18 and August 21, 1995 respectively. The writers praised and appreciated the B.Ed. course, Diploma in management course, Pre MBA course and Certificate in English Language Proficiency (CELP) course run by Bangladesh Open University. The programme are really praiseworthy as those are conducted by BOU through distance learning method. Particular mention is to be made of CELP programme because, this programme is entirely related to a Foreign Language i.e. English. English is an international language but, we are weak in English. In our education system we have less scope for learning English properly. But the importance of the English Language in our day to day life and in the national and international arena can hardly be over emphasised. To meet this demand BOU has arranged CELP. In this programme it aims at increasing the skill of 'Speaking Capacity' in English. The CELP course is conducted on Radio and Television and most of our people, especially the urban people, who have less scope for listening in to Radio and Television programmes are not getting the full benefit of the course. In this context the concerned authority may kindly review the following suggestions:

a) In order to achieve the desired goal, arrangements shall have to be made to broadcast the programme (CELP) on Radio and Television 4 times a week for half an hour;

b) The authority shall select trained and experienced teachers for the Tutorial Centers with sufficient space, equipment and accessories;

c) Compulsory classes are to be arranged in order to attain the maximum 'Speaking' efficiency before the final examination.

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