

English Medium Schools Call

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ENGLISH Medium Schools, in our educational arena occupies a significant position though its spread remains limited to the urban areas. We have 18000 English Medium schools throughout the country. To keep pace with the increasing demand of English knowing people and fast expanding of English language throughout the globe, the mushroom growth of English Medium schools in the nook and corner of our towns and cities have appeared. The existing facilities of education provided by the state cannot cover the increasing number of learners also stands as an important factor to grow English Medium schools. More and more people directly and indirectly have got involved in this medium of education making the government concerned about its running, establishing, collecting tuition fees, teacher training and imparting quality education.

The government does not provide any financial support to the English Medium schools as Bengali medium schools prevailing from cities to remotest part of the country. Religious schools also get government benefits but no English medium schools enjoy any government grants. Though government supported schools spread throughout the country, government cannot successfully make education

available to all the children of slums and villages. Usually the children of well-to-do families receive education in English medium schools. Though these causes can be attributed to government's not giving pecuniary support to these schools, the case is not true now-a-days. Many middle and even lower middle class families children now get education in these western style schools. As the government does not extend any financial assistance to these schools, necessarily its supervision registers very thin there. But time has come to bring all the English Medium Schools under a common umbrella and uniform education system maintaining their individual characteristics.

According to the present set up three types of English Medium Schools prevail in our country. These are—(i) Kindergarten and nurseries (ii) Junior Cambridge and Cambridge and (iii) Senior Cambridge. Directorate of Primary Education supervises kindergarten and nurseries grading from standard one to five, Regional Education Offices of DSHE eyes the junior Cambridge from six to eight Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education looks after junior and senior Cambridge for O and A level. English Medium Schools's syllabus, way of teaching, context, administration and learners prove to

be different from the mainstream education. Hence, this kind of controlling bodies does not seem to be effective and fruitful. Suppose, the Deputy Directors of Regional Offices of DSHE did not have English background education and enough knowledge to run and administer these schools and they are not well aware of the syllabus of English Medium schools as well. So, fruitful and meaningful supervision cannot be expected of them. The same thing can be applied for other controlling bodies. Rather they remain busy with the mainstream education system. Hence, their control remains very thin and perfunctory. But the present set up claims effective supervision of the government.

The present caretaker government has imposed 4.5 percent VAT on English Medium Schools. With this imposition some schools have already increased the tuition fees of the pupils which seem a serious burden for many guardians. Due to the lack of control of the government and not giving any financial support, these schools charge exorbitant rate of tuition fees causing unbearable burden to many guardians, though not all. These schools should determine tuition fees according to the income of the parents so that the guardians desiring to send their wards to English Schools can avail the opportunity.

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There goes a wide wave that the student these schools hardly our own culture become fond of all our own culture. If them to adjust in the find their place in institutions named don't nurture any try and just wait abroad and bring receiving further education but thinking escaping the country any applause. En authorities should this point giving a

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