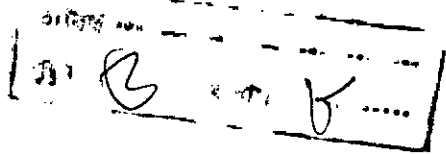


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New Initiative Of The Education Minister

Sir,

This year the HSC examination witnessed a different picture thanks to the initiative of the state minister for education, Ehsanul Haque Milon. Our total system of education and examination has been suffering from various sorts of chronic diseases which cannot be healed within a short time. A minister or even the government, alone, cannot change this system overnight.

However, somebody must come forward to change it and our state minister for education has undertaken a programme to bring a change to it. We must appreciate this concern. It is an established fact that all of our educational institutions are plagued by problems and it is very difficult to address these problems overnight. But we cannot afford to sit idle. We must hail and congratulate the minister on his initiative. The honourable minister is requested to take into account the following points as well:

1. Appointment and promotion of the teachers must be made purely on the basis of merit irrespective of government and non-government schools and colleges.

2. Uniformity in urban and rural and government and non-government institutions must be brought by bridging the present widening gap.

3. In order to make classroom teaching effective and fruitful the teacher-student ratio must be narrowed.

4. Student fees of government and non-government schools and colleges must be made uniform. The present fees of private schools and colleges are hundred times higher than that of government schools and colleges.

5. Reasonable transfer system for teachers should be introduced in both government and non-government schools and colleges.

6. Teachers must be encouraged to study and conduct research to contribute something for the student and to the nations.

7. Salary of the teachers must be adequate enough to maintain their families in decent ways so that brilliant students are attracted to this profession.

8. Flatterers and teachers without integrity must be dealt with seriously.

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