



Readers' Forum

KINDERGARTEN FEES

I was shocked to learn that when the whole nation is passing through critical days after the devastating floods some dishonest kindergarten school owners have raised the tuition fees of their schools. I am furnishing below the details of fees being charged in a tutorial situated in Dhanmondi.

- FEE BEFORE FLOOD**
 (a) Nursery—Tk. 275/-
 (b) Class I & II Tk. 375/-
FEE AFTER FLOOD
 Tk. 400/-
 Tk. 500/- etc.

The owners of these so-called English medium kindergarten school have taken undue advantage of the government's lenient policy on kindergarten schools. It is also regrettable that our Education Ministry is keeping rather quiet about the very activities of owners of such schools. It has been observed with great concern

that whenever the owners want to increase school fees, they can raise it without any fear from any quarter. If it was so necessary to increase the fee the school owners could do so by increasing it to a maximum of Tk. 50/- but alas, instead of increasing by Tk. 50/- they have raised it by Tk. 125/. I will say that in the name of education the school owners have started harassing the poor parents.

I request the Ministry of Education, Govt of Bangladesh to take, immediately, stern action against the owners of these kindergarten schools and compel them to lower their school fees.

In the meantime frequent checking of the accounts of such schools should be done by Income Tax Officers.

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