

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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The case of school exams

Like the people of any other state our people too are ever respectful to all the foreign dignitaries and they did never hesitate to show their sincere and unqualified honour to any of our honourable foreign visitors.

But this year it is reported that so many students have been subjected to an unreasonable harassment and troubles because of the pious visits of some very honourable foreign guests. All the educational institutions of the city were reportedly directed to cancel their normal annu-

al examination programmes scheduled to be held in between 13th November to 20th November 1983 and asked to start the same in the last week of November to show respect to some honourable guests.

It is further apprehended that the next year's SSC Examination is also likely to be dropped at least for two weeks for showing respect to some other honourable guests. Respectable foreign dignitaries should always be honoured. But that does not mean that our normal national activities should in any way be suspended for that. We are an independent nation. Moreover as one of the new born and poorest nations of the world

we must work hard for our rapid development and a sincere love for nation must be imparted specially among our younger generation. We must also see that no sense of inferiority complex is developed among them.

Some other factors are also to be considered. In one of the prominent city schools as I know the students and their guardians had to wait very eagerly (at the school premises) up to about 11.30 a.m. on November 17 1983 on which day the annual examination of the said school was scheduled to start. The school authorities of course at last had to drop their examination programme. All these are not only very much harass-

ing for the students and their guardians but extremely embarrassing for the teachers and the school authorities too.

Very harmful side of this is that it might help generate an impression among the students that on any such similar occasion they would always expect their normal academic programmes to be changed. We feel that development of any such feeling among the students may create an unwanted atmosphere in the educational institutions and also hamper the growth of patriotic feeling and a sense of dedication towards learning.

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