

HSC practical exams

The H.S.C. examination of 1997 under all Boards across the country has ended. We are very happy with the peaceful completion of this examination. But one step taken by the authority in conducting the practical examination of Science Group cut me to the quick. This was very harmful to the students of the country. I observed that all of the colleges (excepting those colleges which did not arrange examination centre) were allowed to conduct the practical examinations of Science Group in their respective centres with their own students. Till last year this practical examination was conducted and supervised completely by the teachers of other colleges i.e.

both the internal and the external was from outside. But this year, only the external was from outside. It is learnt a certain group always remained alert to manage the externals to be sent to their own centres. Even they maintained a per-

sonal communication with the externals from early hours before starting examination. If they failed, they reportedly introduced various processes to implement their interests.

On the other hand, the concerned students were pressurised to pay their toll or 'Chanda' of a large amount. If they (students) expressed their inability, they were allegedly forced to do that. Otherwise, they were victimised by disgrading their marks. But they never thought of the students' interest for a moment. If they do not want to properly evaluate the students' merit, why they are in the sacred profession like teaching. Can't they quit this profession?

Everyone believes that our theoretical knowledge can be strengthened through developing practical knowledges. If we

remain weak in practical knowledge, this cannot flourish our theoretical knowledge. The more developed the practical base, the more developed the nation. If we see around us, we will see all the developed countries in the world have attained their achievement through developing their practical and technical knowledge. Therefore, neglecting our practical classes and examinations in the school and college level, we cannot make such brilliant students who will lead the nation to the development and prosperity.

The practical classes and examinations must have a meaning and importance. And all the examinations concerning practical knowledge must be conducted in a competitive and fair way. To make proper and genuine citizens it is a

must.

It is not understandable to me how the authority expects to get a fair conduction of the

practical examination by those persons who are completely blind to the students' interest.

I herewith would like to make some suggestions for the special consideration of the concerned authority.

i) The practical examination centre must be outside from the students' own colleges.

ii) There will be no provision to meet the students by their own college teachers during the examination hour.

iii) The external and internal must be from outside.

iv) The written answer scripts should be examined freshly by the externals.

v) The external must have an eye on the students while performing their experiments allotted to them to verify their reading to be taken by them.

vi) The evaluation of viva-voce should be based on the efficiency and performance of the students.

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