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### Education Ministry Must Stick To Its Decisions

Sir,

The Ministry of Education has so far taken a number of steps to promptly improve the long-standing deplorable state of education, some of which have proved to be very much effective while some others ineffective, not for its lack of wisdom and far-sightedness, but for the unfavourable situation prevailing across the country. Of these successful steps, one is worth mentioning. It is the circular it issued in '97, ordering to open bank account against each individual non-government teacher, with the result that around 28,000 fake teachers have been detected. Prior to that circular, some dishonest institutions would draw invariably salary against fictitious names of teachers. The nation hailed the democratic government. In another order the government issued last year for both the government and non-government institutions it said that if they failed to achieve a target of at least 50 per cent pass for their students, they would not be given the govt. portion of salary. This sparked off a strong criticism among all. But as soon as it (ministry) withdrew the order, the situation came to normal.

Later, the ministry concentrated on improvement of traditional Madrasha education. With a view to achieving this goal, it took steps for detecting irregularities prevalent in some madrashas. At long last 251 madrashas were found involved in irregularities, and as such their M.P.O.S. were held up. Ultimately, the government withdrew this order, too. It appears that the ministry gives in under pressure. All these moves have tremendous merit and there was a need for sticking to its decisions. Perhaps the government would have done better if it consulted educationists and intellectuals about the process of implementation of its good decision.

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