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A note-book has been and still is an indispensable guide to a student to prepare his lessons properly. It acts as a well-groomed teacher. It analyses difficult words, phrases and expressions in their true perspective. The author of notebook is generally a gifted educationist and is no less if not more qualified academically than the people in favour of banning the notebooks. He pours his knowledge and wisdom in clear language into the notebook very often will quotations from the best authors. He is, truly speaking, far more superior to an average teacher. Most of the teachers

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tiring in its rapid deterioration and giving birth to private tutorship and adoption of unfair means in examination. After independence of Bangladesh it has degenerated into a total massacre. Private tuition is thriving fantastically to the great distress of the poor guardians. An acquaintance of mine who is the teacher of a high school earns an unbelievable

### The notebook issue

are found now-a-days to keep note books with them for guidance. The fact that re-ebooks are flourishing in the market despite the ban proves their indispensability.

Notebooks are reportedly in use in India & Pakistan. In thirties when we were reading in the college note books were not discouraged in the schools and colleges. We gained much from the notebooks. The standard of education was at that time found to be of high proficiency.

After partition education was made a guinea pig and one queer system after another was introduced resulting

amount as Tk. 12,000/- per month by private tuition only.

Education has now been made a commercialised profession. Corruption unknown in education has taken the place of dedication. Money and influence can buy a pass from the Board if not from the University. Thus a total anarchy now prevails in education.

The root cause of such an anarchic situation is that a student does not find pleasure in his study due to lack of understanding. A teacher who is exhausted with private tuition in his house-quarters does not take interest to satisfy the students in their

classes.

He comes to school/college for rest only. As a result restlessness and uncertainty grow in their minds. A notebook if passionately followed along with the original text book may enable a student to understand his lessons better and remove such restlessness from his mind. This may make him studious and turn him into a seeker of knowledge. Ban on notebooks under the present context can not but have adverse effect in education. A student cannot therefore part with notebooks. It is only when a teacher takes pains to act like a notebook in teaching in the class that the ban on notebook may be justified.

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