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## A Problem Following Nationalisation Of Colleges

Sir.—It is gratifying to note that the Govt. has taken over the administration of 22 private colleges from all over the country. This will provide special facilities and security of service for the teachers and other staff. But this step has entailed a great concern for a good number of aged and experienced teachers in one particular point.

The Govt. memorandum concerned reads that "the teachers having third class Master's Degree will have to improve their class within two years." Most of these ill-fated teachers have crossed forty years and are encumbered with age and household problems. So it is quite impossible on their part to take preparation for examination like their students. Not only that. To subject them to such an unsavoury condition is a slur on their long-standing experience, efficiency and prestige. Moreover, the said teachers have proved their fitness by rendering selfless services to the nation for the last 15 years and more. They are all confirmed staff of their respective colleges. As such they have every right to serve their institutions till retirement without any impediment and enjoy equal facilities of service along with their other colleagues as ever.

In this context mention may be made that in consideration of the long service and experience the Universities of Dacca and Chittagong have waived the class-bar of those teachers who have the teaching experience of at least 12 years.

In the circumstances, it is fervently desired that the regulation which is likely to hurt the living of so many dedicated teachers, be amended in their favour or dropped on practical and humanitarian ground. Otherwise it will bring misery and disappointment to them and their families.—Yours etc. MOHIUDDIN AHMED Deptt. English, Feni College, On behalf of other sufferers.

## Standard Of Education

Sir.—I do not know if your learned readers would agree with me that the standard of education in our country in different fields is deteriorating day by day. It is very unfortunate to note that graduates and degree-holders from different Universities in Bangladesh are outshined by those from the Universities and Institutions in developed countries. This is mainly because of our indifference towards the basic needs of our nation although everybody knows that education is the backbone of a nation. Can we expect a good student under inexperienced teacher and an ill-planned education system?

I had a client who is an M.A. (2nd Class) but came to get a clear draft for his official explanations and when I charged fees at the rate of degrees obtained, that is, if the client was a graduate the fee would be Tk. 500/- and if he was a Matriculate then the fee would be Taka 300/- and if the client was illiterate, the fee would be nil; because usually I deal one out of forty as Zakat—free of any legal charge. Then this degree-holder left my chamber with a gloomy face, perhaps abusing me.—Yours, etc. MA. JIRUDDIN AHMAD, Advocate, Mohammadpur, Dacca.