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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Medical college cum-hospital at Faridpur

Faridpur is a very backward district in all respects. Although there is no denial of facts that this district have produced a number of political leaders of well reputations both during the Pakistani regime and after liberation. Not only that, many of the high officials trailing from local have also been found places in the top administration of

the country, but sorry to say, that no remarkable progress of this district has been made in any sector.

Now I like to point out some facts about the 'establishment of a medical college-cum-hospital in Faridpur'. This project was included in the ADP of 1980-81. Late President Lt. General Ziaur Rahman laid the foundation of the project. Funds were released for purchasing land. The project was to be completed within 1985. Some lands were already been acquired by the Government, when the project of medical college was undertaken in 1981.

The previous project for establishment of 200 beds hospital was amalgated with the medical college project. Now it is learnt that the Medical College-project of Faridpur has been dropped but 3 (three) such schemes have been taken for execution, one at Comilla, one at Pabna and the other at Bogra. It is not understood why the project for establishment of medical college cum hospital in Faridpur has been dropped though the other three have been taken over for execution.

The authorities concerned decided to increase the number of beds of two existing

50 bed hospitals one at Faridpur and the other at Narayanganj. The work of Narayanganj hospital has been going on in full swing. But the scheme for increasing the number of beds of Faridpur hospital has been amalgamated with the project of "Establishment of Medical College" due to which the work of Faridpur hospital is learnt to have been dropped.

In this connection it may not be unfair to say that if the scheme of establishment of medical college cum hospital is to be dropped, the entire scheme for all districts should have been dropped.

But the scheme of increasing the number of beds (taken for two hospitals, viz.—one at Faridpur and the other at Narayanganj) should not have been dropped only for Faridpur. If it is done, it will be a stepmotherly behaviour towards the people of Faridpur, all along a neglected district of Bangladesh.

In view of the facts, I, on behalf of a few lacs of people of Faridpur request the authorities concerned very kindly to re-consider the matter sympathetically and arrange to establish the proposed medical college cum hospital at Faridpur along with other three projects so that the people of Faridpur may not suffer from frustration.

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