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For shifting examination date

Bangladesh Public Service Commission is going to hold the second ever full-fledged competitive examination this year under the name and style: 'Superior Posts Examination'. A notice to that effect was served through some national dailies dated the 2nd February last.

No doubt this decision of the Commission has restored hope among educated youth of the country. This is a rare opportunity for young people who entertain long cherished aims to start their career as

Civil Servants and thereby render service to the nation. Added to it is the fact that this is the last opportunity for many to build up their career or stay on with jobs they do not like. All these considerations reveal that to make haste with the holding of the competitive examination is bound to frustrate the real purpose of the examination precisely because, a considerable number of candidates, as experience goes come from heterogeneous services and the bulk from the Universities. Of the main two groups one is engaged in jobs and the other is preoccupied with Vast Syllabi for the courses of studies, provided by the Universities.

All these factors apparently go to show that for candi-

dates described above, it is hardly possible to appear at a competitive examination with comprehensive Syllabi for thirteen written papers with preparation of three or four months. Besides, in almost all the cases, candidates have to take up subjects which are not known to them.

Not only that, for the purpose of competitive examination they have to acquire knowledge on those subjects equivalent to that of a student who has passed the B.A. (Hons) Exam. on these subjects with at least 50 per cent marks. The problems does not end there. Candidates living in Mofussil towns and in rural areas are beset with acute crisis of necessary books and in fact they have to spend much of their time

for collecting books for these papers.

Now this is my fervent hope that the Commission will take all these factors into active considerations while finally fixing date for the examination. As for my opinion, the shortest possible time in no way, should be less than six months from the date of notification. From the news that appeared in the Dainik Ittefaq of 26th February, we came to know that the commission intends to hold the Examination next June. If that be so this will surely upset our plans for career building and not ensure justice to all.

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