

From Our Campus Table SSC Merit List a Farce ?

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The recently published SSC result of the four boards of the country gives one food for serious perusal.

This year the pass percentage has suddenly become very high. It is because of the fact that our students have suddenly become serious and have done very well or it is because the students were at liberty to cheat in the examination as much as they liked?

The second answer is thought to be the cause. The every high pass percentage along with number of letters justifies this assertion.

Informed sources say this year adoption of unfair means in the SSC examination has surpassed all previous records.

The way question papers were available for open sale prior to the examination day plus liberal attitude of the invigilators at different examination centres of the country has made this examination a total farce.

Confided a head examiner, "I could see that a good number of students had copied letter for letter from their text books but there was nothing. I could do. Legally my hands are tied. I have to give them marks in such cases letter marks for what is offered to me for correction, although I know it was cheated.

"As the rule goes, since the invigilators at the examination centres did not take any action I cannot mark them down." "This has definitely increased the pass percentage greatly but it has been extremely detrimental for the general good students who still do not have the courage to cheat.

This honest confession of a head examiner who has been dealing with students for the last two decades is alarming. Where are we? Do we have to cheat and why do we cheat?

These questions have to be answered if we are to identify the crux of this issue.

Most of the students of today are cheating because they have to score good marks to get admitted at a reputed college as seats are limited.

Many more do so to get their names published in the merit list. These are usually children of parents who have never installed the good effects of the moral values of life in their children but take pride in buying question papers at exorbitant price or not to hesitate to send luxurious items or bribe to the head examiners/tabulator so that their wards may get good marks which later on becomes a subject of gossip for them.

Such parents take pride in discussing their son's performance knowing fully well the different strings used to manipulate the result and to bring it upto their expectation. Unfortunately even this year the father of the boy who secured the second place in Dhaka Board SSC examination has lashed out the same complaint.

He has in a written statement stated that his son Zahed had topped the merit list according to the original tabulation sheet which was later on tampered to allow a Cadet student to get the coveted position.

to Comilla Cadet College while all the first three positions of Rajshahi Board are held by Cadets of Rajshahi Cadet College and three of the first five places of Jessore Board are held by those of Jhenaidah Cadet College.

Do Cadet Colleges admit all the best brains of the country or what is the story behind the brilliant accomplishments of the cadets?

From informed sources it is gathered that all best brains do not join the cadet colleges on the contrary most mediocre students go there to join the Armed forces. From

ment among one's own teachers is a plus point by itself which other SSC examinees are deprived of.

Some students of different Cadet Colleges have candidly admitted that for them there is no time limit and that the teachers help them when they are stuck.

We have last year in our Campus Page appealed to the education authority to make a separate Board for the Cadet Colleges for holding their examinations or else that the cadets be forced to take their examination along with the other SSC examinees. They should not be given preferential



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Even last year the same accusation was voiced by Jasmin Rahman the girl who had stood 4th in Dhaka Board's SSC examination. She too had complained that although she topped the merit list the board authority had to concede to the demands of the Mirzapur.

College authority and let them get the first three places.

This sentiment is being shared by a good number of students and teachers alike and resentment seems to be growing. This is a serious proposition and needs scrutinization.

This year three of the first five places in Dhaka Board have been bagged by the Mirzapur Cadet College boys.

In Comilla Board the first three places out of five have gone

available records it is seen that after SSC and HSC cadet students rarely top the merit list in the medical or engineering college. Moreover they have the reputation of being extremely unruly once out of a Cadet College.

As most head examiners are from the Cadet Colleges it is only logical that their students will get an edge over the others. 10 marks is at the discretion of a head examiner. This year five head examiners of Dhaka Board belong to—two Cadet Colleges under this Board.

Besides the cadets don't have to go to a different examination centre for their SSC nor are other students allowed to compete with them at their centre.

Being in an known environ-

tment as it is highly unjustified and detrimental for all students.

We reaffirm our appeal once again. With a lot of advantages it is unfair for the cadets to be judged with others. The cadets should have competition among each other. Their examination can easily be taken by a different Board constituted by the Armed Services.

Unless this is done it shall be a blow for the other general students and the merit list is a farce. Above all the system of examination needs recasting. The prevailing merit list is doing more harm than good. It is scourging many students to adopt unfair means to top the list or stay among the first twenty.

Had there been no merit list but a system of gradation (A,B,C,D) the students would take the initiative to study seriously and go deeper into a subject.

Their mental horizon would broaden and the country would be in a position to get much more from them in the long run. In practical life one's name in the merit list is immaterial.

What really matters is how one solves his immediate problems from what he has learnt.

We know that the Examination Reform Committee has recommended eleven points for medicate implementation. What happened to its hard endeavour is unknown.

We hope like other recommendations in this past this will not be shelved but see the light of the day.