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About a women college

Panchagar Mahila College admitted 62 students in the degree class and applied to the Rajshahi University for affiliation. But it is learnt that the Rajshahi University authority has turned down the request of Panchagar Mahila College for affiliation in view of the government's new policy that there would be no affiliation of colleges in the rural areas with view to improving the college education in the country and at the same time discouraging the colleges in offering courses in arts for which there is little demand in the employment market.

I fully agree with the government policy that unplanned growth of colleges without ba-

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sic facilities and adequate teaching staff has resulted in deterioration of academic standard and large scale failure in the higher secondary examinations and there is necessity to improve the secondary schools and colleges to ensure the quality.

At the same time in a country where women constitute half the population, development of the country is considered to be insignificant without proper stress on women's education. We are predominantly Muslim society and Islam has given equal empha-

sis on the education of women and has ensured them fundamental human rights including the educational and the economic ones.

Moreover, the authority lays great emphasis on the upliftment of women which depend on the education of women and it can be safely said that without the awakening of its womenfolk, the awakening of Bangladesh is an impossibility.

I would, therefore, request the Education Ministry to consider the case of Panchagar Mahila College as a special case and accord necessary per-

mission for affiliation and at the same time request him to establish one Mahila College in each of the districts for spreading education among the women of the country.

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