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Dhaka Needs More Government Colleges

Sir,

We the citizens of Dhaka city have been observing for the last few years that the government is allocating largest funds for the education subsector. But we fail to understand why the government has stopped establishing any new government college in the capital city Dhaka? Study at the HSC level in the capital has become very difficult for students due to scarcity of colleges.

The existing private colleges failed to provide the desired environment required for study. Of course there are some exceptions. Generally it is felt that the environment congenial to study in government colleges is better than in private colleges. Private colleges could not attract efficient and experienced teachers. Moreover the infrastructure like standard class rooms, a rich library, teachers' room, arrangement for indoor and outdoor games and so on are all absent in private colleges. But the tuition and other fees of the students are very high in private colleges.

We know it very well that study at the HSC level is very important to the students. Better education increases the chance of study at the higher level in future. Fees in government colleges are very low and should be increased to a reasonable level. If it is increased overnight the students' organisation may protest against it. The increase therefore needs to be done gradually on a yearly basis.

Dhaka is a city of around ten million population. Every thana area needs a boy's and a girls' college to cope with the onrush of students for admission to colleges. At the end of last decade the honourable Education Minister declared that required number of colleges would be set up in the capital.

We urge the government to establish a few colleges for students at the HSC level in Dhaka city on an emergency basis.

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