

Admission To Medical College

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Sir.— Mr. M. A. Jabbar's article (1.12.77) voices the frustration of seekers of admission to medical colleges. There is no reason for not including the quota system in this year's medical admission policy. Marks obtained by a student varies greatly from Board to Board. Above all in 1976 and 1977 some of the Boards gave general grace marks to the examinees while other Boards did not. As a result, students passing from the former Boards got 10-15 marks more than their counterparts from latter Boards. This, when doubled, becomes 20-30 and creates a huge difference between the marks obtained by candidates having the same academic calibre but passing from different Boards. As a result thousands of brilliant students will not get a fair chance of admission. Therefore, quota system is a MUST.

As the number of admission seekers is double this year, the number of seats should be increased by at least 50% if not more. Later on classes may be taken in double shifts. Even in single shifts there will not be much difficulty as the lecture galleries and dissection halls etc. of the Medical Colleges are big enough to accommodate 50% more students than usual. Just that both the teachers and the students will have to work a little harder with more co-operation.

Also the number of seats reserved for girls need be increased. No other profession in Bangladesh is as suitable for girls as the medical profession.—Yours etc. A CANDIDATE Raishahi