But does it necessarily say that all the students of public universities are cadres? (Not BCS cadres of course).

There is another complaint that the teachers of the public universities are too busy taking classes in private universities, whereas the teachers in private universities have to maintain their office time and consultancy hours. And therefore it is said that the public universities are lagging behind the private ones.

Can taking class by the public university teachers in private university make the public universities worse than the private ones? Another point. If the private universities have their own 'brilliant' students then why do they have to appoint teachers from other universities? They can easily make teachers out of their own brilliant students!

There was a question raised in the article about the quality of education in public universities which was said to be unfit from a global perspective. Of course the top public universities are ensuring good standard, if not all. If the top public universities aren't maintaining the standard then how come their graduates are working successfully at important places at home and abroad? Weren't our people smart enough before the introduction of private universities?

According to our constitution education is one of our basic rights. The government should arrange for higher education at a subsidized price. When they cannot do it, the private sector comes in. But is that the solution? If that is the solution then what about the poor students? Think about the children of poor farmers or labourers. Will it be possible for them to get admitted in a private university where the first eligibility is money? No doubt the first and main target of all the private universities is business. If you leave higher education solely to the private sector then it will become a business venture only. One can give me example of foreign countries where private universities have succeeded. But are the conditions in our country same as those of foreign countries? In our country, the difference between the poor and the rich is huge. Moreover in western countries when students grow up, they no longer depend on their parents. They earn their own money and with that they manage their university expenses. But unfortunately in our country this tradition is absent. So if a student wants to get into a private university firstly he ought to have rich parents.

So it is very clear that if we want to enlighten our people with higher education, we have to increase the number of public universities and improve the conditions, as there is no alternative to it. Definitely we need private universities to accommodate the huge number of admission seeking students.

One should not be distracted thinking the above writing is aimed at blaming the private universities. Definitely there are private universities which are better than others as far as standard of education is concerned. And there are many brilliant students who are studying in private universities. But my objection comes when some people claim their superiority blaming others.

I will end up telling you about one of my dreams. I dream all the public and private universities competing with each other take their standard at a very high level. One day our universities will be amongst the best in the world. And I think best educational facilities should be given to the best students based on their merit and hard work, not based on their money.

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