

# **SCHOOL IN BANGLADESH**

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# SOCIAL PROBLEMS

School creates discrimination. The few that go to school become strangers to the village life.

Such a school doesn't prepare the students to the life and doesn't even create the new citizens of Bangladesh but creates some privileged people that will look down on their poor peers and will feel higher than village's traditions.

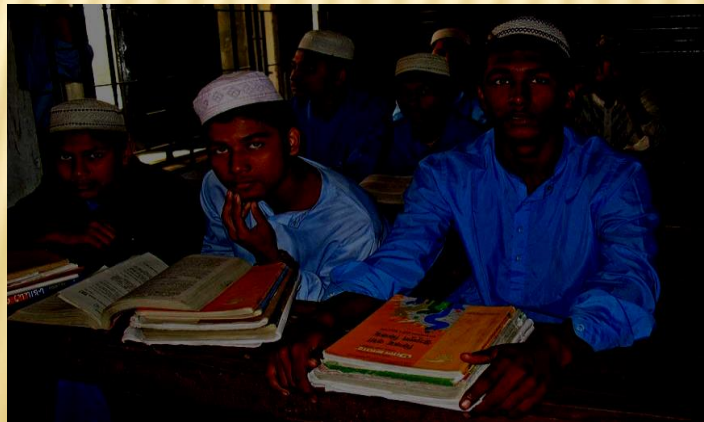


## THE PROBLEMS OF THE SOCIETY

The school is completely foreign to the peasant culture. It only teaches to read and write.

Generally only the 60% of 15 millions of children is enrolled in primary school. The 50% of them leaves before the end of the year because of the precarious economic conditions of their own family.

In the secondary school the enrollment rate is 22% but only the 10% ends. Sometimes, among these students, there is a guy who comes from a poor family and hopes for a better economic and social life.



# THE FLOATING SCHOOLS

A lot of schools in Bangladesh have to close for the torrential rain so, for a no-profit organization, the floating schools were built. They work with solar energy.



How does the system of evaluation work? Are there exams?

Of course, there are. The system is very different from the Italian one. From the first year of primary school there are exams for every subject, they are written tests. The exam has a maximum of 100 points and, at the end of all exams, the teachers add up the marks and the students are classified by their points.

Are there differences between our school register and the register in Bangladesh?

Yes, there are. In Italy the register starts from the student who has the surname that starts with the A letter, it's an alphabetical list. In Bangladesh there's the same system but only for the first year of the primary school, the list is based on the marks of the exams that start from the second year.

## Are there school uniforms?

Yes, there are. The colors depend on the school but the uniforms are similar among them.

For example, in the school I went to, the uniform was a white shirt and red trousers. The girls had to wear a red skirt and a white shirt.



How many hours does the school last? And what subjects did you study?

The school takes about 2 hours. In the first hour we changed subjects every 30 minutes and from the second hour we started to change the subjects every 15 or 20 minutes.

Only one day a week we studied English and Bengali grammar.



Were there oral questions?

Of course but they didn't count a lot.

At the beginning of the year the school principal gave you a piece of paper where were written all the tests of the year and also the day of them. Generally there's a test a week.

Can you say something about your personal impressions?

I was a new student and I didn't know to write and read so I must learn all. The school was so boring and the time dedicated to the school was low. It's a very little time, in 2 hours you could only receive the homework and read some pages.

I prefer studying in Italy, I can learn more things here instead of Bangladesh and the school system is better.

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