

ACADEMIC CAREER OF 54 CONDENSED MBBS SPECIALISTS

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Introduction

In a study of 647 medical specialists of Bangladesh (Muazzam, 1986), there were 54 condensed MBBS doctors who specialised in different branches of medical science. In this paper, the academic career of these condensed doctors is provided.

LMF or Licenciante course was four years after Matriculation in a Medical school. Since during this course proper teaching of all branches of medical Science was not possible, a short course of two years was introduced for the LMF doctors to obtain MBBS degree. These doctors were known as condensed doctors. Now LMF system is abolished.

Results and Discussion : Among the 54 doctors 46(85.19%) were male and 08 (14.81%) were female. Most of them were students of different medical schools in the country and a few were from Indian schools. Maximum member (8) belonged to Dhaka distric followed by 6 each from Mymensingh and Sylhet, 5 from Rajshahi, 4 from Comilla, 3 from Barisal and 2 each from B. Baria, Chittagong, Noakhali and Patuakhali and India.

Age at LMF Qualification

Table I shows the age distribution of LMF quafications. 10 each were aged 20 and 22 years followed by 8 aged 23 years, 7 aged 19 years and 6 each aged 21 and 24 years. 2 each aged 18 years and 25 years, while 1 was aged 26 years. Two did not mention their age.

Table 2 shows the age distribution of MBBS quafication of the 54 LMF doctors. The 8 female doctors were aged 26 to 31 years while the male doctors were aged 23 to 47 years. One did not mention the age. Maximum -12 passed at-26 years of age.

The age of obtaining the first post graduate qualification is shown in Table 3. 53 of them obtained their first P.G qualification by 30 to 47 years of age while one was aged 53 years. The 8 females were aged 30-45 years. Maximum member 06 was aged 33 years followed by 05 each, aged 30, 35, 37 and 42 years, 4 aged 38 years.

Table 4 shows the time gaps between matric/ SSC, and LMF, LMF and MBBS, also MBBS and first post graduate qualifications.

The time gaps could be due to failure of examination or for not continuing study for some other reason. The exact reason was not mentioned.

Table 5 shows the age of marriage of the condensed doctors. A few male doctors married in comparatively younger age- 17-22 years, probably for obtaining financial help, otherwise, there is no special significance in the age of marriage. Two of them did not mention the age of marriage.

Table 6 shows the member of children, three doctors had no child. Among the 51 doctors who had children, 43 (84.31%) had 2 to 4 children each. Among the 43 doctors 30 (70%) of them had 3 to 4 children. Only 2 had six children each and one each more had seven and eight children. The total member of children is 182 (vide Table-6).

Table I. Shows the age- distribution at LMF Qualifications

Age at LMF	Male	Female	Total
Not mentioned	02	-	02
18 years	02	-	02
19 "	04	03	07
20 "	07	03	10
21 "	06	-	06
22 "	08	02	10
23 "	08	-	08
24 "	06	-	06
25 "	02	-	02
26 "	01	-	01
Total	46 (85.19%)	08 (14.81%)	54

Table 2. showing the age of 54 condensed MBBS doctors

Age at MBBS	Male	Female	Total
age not mentioned	01	-	01
23 Years	01	-	01
24 "	03	-	03
25 "	02	-	02
26 "	10	02	12
27 "	03	02	05
28 "	-	-	-
29 "	03	01	04
30 "	04	02	06
31 "	01	01	02
32 "	05	-	05
33 "	02	-	02
34 "	02	-	02
35 "	02	-	02
36 "	03	-	03
37 "	-	-	-
38 "	01	-	01
39 "	01	-	01
40 "	01	$\frac{3}{4}$	01
41 "	01	-	01
Total	46	08	54

Table 3. showing the age distribution of the condensed doctors who obtained post graduate qualifications.

Age of 1st P.G. Qualification	Male	Female	Total
30 Years	04	01	05
31 "	02	-	02
32 "	02	-	02
33 "	06	-	06
34 "	01	-	01
35 "	05	-	05
36 "	01	02	03
37 "	05	-	05
38 "	03	01	04
39 "	-	02	02
40 "	02	-	02
41 "	01	-	01
42 "	04	01	05
43 "	02	-	02
44 "	03	-	03
45 "	02	01	03
46 "	01	-	01
47 "	01	-	01
48-52 "	-	-	-
53 "	01	-	01
Total	46	08	54

Table 4. Shows the time gaps between different Qualifying Examinations

Gap in Years	Gap between matric/ SSC and LMF		Gap between LMF & MBBS		Gap between MBBS & P.G Qualification	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Not mentioned	06	-	03	-	01	-
3 Years	-	-	01	-	03	01
4 "	07	04	02	-	05	-
5 "	11	02	07	01	03	-
6 "	08	02	08	-	08	-
7 "	04	-	04	04	07	-
8 "	08	-	02	-	04	-
9 "	01	-	01	-	06	03
10 "	01	-	07	01	03	01
11 "	-	-	01	02	01	01
12 "	-	-	04	-	01	-
13 "	-	-	01	-	02	01
14 "	-	-	-	-	01	-
15 "	-	-	04	-	-	01
16 "	-	-	-	-	01	-
22 "	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	46	08	46	08	46	08

Table 5. showing the age of marriage of the 54 condensed specialists

Age of Marriage		Male	Female	Total
Not mentioned	-	02	=	02
17 Years	-	01	=	01
18 "	-	02	01	03
19 "	-	01	01	02
20 "	-	01	-	01
21 "	-	01	01	02
22 "	-	02	02	04
23 "	-	-	01	01
24 "	-	03	-	03
25 "	-	05	-	05
26 "	-	02	-	02
27 "	-	04	-	04
28 "	-	05	-	05
29 "	-	02	01	05
30 "	-	02	01	03
31 "	-	05	-	05
32 "	-	02	-	02
33 "	-	04	-	04
34 "	-	01	-	01
35 "	-	01	-	01
Total		46	08	= 54

Table 6. showing the member of children of 54 condensed Medical Specialists

Number of children per family	No of Family	Sex not mentioned	Sex mentioned	Sex of Children		Total	Grand Total
				Male	Female		
No child	03	-	03	-	-	00	00
One child	04	02	02	02	-	02	04
Two children	06	-	06	06	06	12	12
Three "	16	03	13	18	21	39	48
Four "	14	10	04	10	06	16	56
Five "	07	05	02	08	10	25	35
Six "	02	01	-	-	-	06	12
Seven "	01	01	-	-	-	07	07
Eight "	01	01	-	-	-	08	08
Total	54	23	31	48	37	182	182

Conclusion :

The condensed course inspired a large number of LMF doctors to obtain MBBS degree and 54 of them obtained post graduate qualifications. Since MBBS doctors are reluctant to go to villages, special attractive measures in the form of special allowance, free residence and provision of standard diagnostic laboratory at least in the each Thana town, will inspire the doctors to work in villages, where medical care is very poor.

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**"Say : O Allah! Lord of Power,
You give power to whom You please.
And You strip off power from
whom You please;
And You exalt whom You please.
And You abase whom You please.
In Your hand is the good.
Verily, Over all the things
You have powers."**

— (Al-Qur'an, 3 : 26)