

Actions await pvt medical colleges for flouting rules

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HEALTH minister Moham-mad Nasim on Monday said that many of the private medical and dental colleges that had mushroomed in recent years were running without adequate faculty members and with limited facilities required for providing medical science educations.

Addressing a press conference at the secretariat, he said, it is now urgent to take stern measures against those colleges as they flouted government guidelines.

'Private medical colleges mushroomed during the tenures of successive governments,' the health minister said.

He said these institutions—though were offering medical degrees— had scanty infra-

structural facilities, such as, hospitals, laboratories, libraries and open spaces, in compliance with the guidelines.

Nasim said the ministry recently suspended admissions of several private medical colleges as they did not have adequate facilities to enroll new students in the 2016-17 academic session.

He sought cooperation of the civil society members so that the authorities could take stern actions against the breaching institutions.

He told a reporter that his ministry would suspend academic activities of such institutions in phases if they fail to ensure infrastructural facilities as needed.

Nasim said many private medical colleges lacked their own buildings with hospital facilities, a must thing for a

medical college.

The health and family welfare ministry on November 7 suspended admission process of four private medical colleges for academic year 2016-17, for violating rules.

The colleges are, Ashian Medical College, Northern Medical College in Rangpur, City Medical College in Gazipur and Nightingale Medical College at Ashulia, on the outskirts of the capital.

There are 30 government medical colleges and nine government dental colleges as against 68 private medical colleges and 24 private dental colleges, across the country.

The minister said the government would develop an effective surveillance to ensure quality health education at both private and government institutions.