

SC asks 10 prvt medical colleges to explain admission of 153 disqualified students

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THE Appellate Division has pulled up the chairman and principal of 10 private medical colleges and hospitals and asked them to explain by August 21 why they should not be prosecuted and penalised for admitting 153 students in MBBS and BDS courses for the 2014-15 session although they did not qualify in the admission test.

An examinee needs to score 120 out of a total 200 marks in the exams to get ad-

mission to MBBS and BDS courses at the private medical colleges and hospitals and an individual candidate needs to obtain a minimum on 40 marks in a written test, according to the rule.

The Dhaka University, under which the private medical and dental colleges are run, set the admission rule on the proposal of the ministry of health and family welfare on July 1, 2014.

A five-member bench headed by the chief justice, SK Sinha, demanded expla-

nation from the authorities of all private medical and dental colleges for violating the rule set by Dhaka University, who issued their certificates as affiliate authority.

The bench also stayed until August 21 a High Court order that allowed many students to get admission to the private medical and dental colleges staying the admission rule.

During the hearing, the chief justice said that the Appellate Division will set a guideline on how to regulate the private medical colleges

as neither the government nor the Bangladesh Medical and Dental Council, being their authority, could come up with a decision for their regulation.

The chief justice said private medical colleges were cropping up on the road stretching from the Board Guard Bangladesh headquarters to Satmasjid in Mohammadpur, and people have doubts about their quality of education.

He made the remarks in presence of authorities of the 10 private medical colleges.

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han and Fatema S Chowdhury represented the authorities in the hearing.