

## ADMISSION RULES VIOLATION

# SC fines 10 pvt medical colleges

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THE Appellate Division on Sunday directed 10 private medical college and hospitals to pay Tk one crore in fines each in 10 days for enrolling disqualified students.

The apex court found that the private colleges enrolled 153 students in MBBS and BDS courses for the 2014-15 academic session flouting the admission rules set by Dhaka University.

The private medical and dental colleges are affiliated to DU.

A student has to score 120 marks including 40 in the written script out of 200 in admission tests to qualify for enrollment to MBBS and

BDS courses of private medical colleges.

The apex court directed the principals and chairmen of the errant medical colleges to deposit 50 per cent of the fine in the account of Dhaka University and 50 per cent in the account of the National Liver Foundation and Kidney Foundation.

The court also directed the DU authorities to get the 153 medical and dental students registered and issue admit cards to them on receipt of the fines from the 10 private medical and dental colleges so that the students could appear in the coming annual examinations.

The apex court said that the colleges that fail to deposit the fines would be de-

barred from admitting students in future.

It asked the DU authorities to open a bank account to keep the fine and use the money for providing stipends to the needy students.

The errant institutions include Ashiyan Medical College, Dhaka Central International Medical College and Hospital, MH Shamorita Medical College, City Medical College and Hospital, Nightingale Medical College and Hospital, ZH Shikder Women's Medical College and Hospital, Care Hospital, East-West Medical College and Hospital, Tairunnesa Medical College and Hospital and Aichi Medical College and Hospital.

A four-judge bench of the

Appellate Division chaired by Chief Justice SK Sinha passed the order disposing an appeal filed by the DU challenging a High Court Division verdict asking it to get 153 students registered and issue admit cards to them for the annual exams.

The court fined the 10 colleges after rejecting their explanations they admitted the students after the HC had stayed the admission rules.

Attorney general Mahbubey Alam and AFM Mesbahuddin appeared for DU while Masood Reza Sobhan defended the private medical and dental colleges and Abdul Baset Majumder and AJ Mohammad Ali represented the students.