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Trend of copying in examinations declining : Shahid

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The trend of copying in SSC and HSC examinations is declining following various measures adopted by the authorities, Education Minister Sheikh Shahidul Islam says.

The percentage of success in SSC Examination under Dhaka Board is an example of this. It is 39.1 this year, coming down from 66 of last year, he told The New Nation in an interview while elaborating on the government measures to check the practice of copying in examinations.

However, we don't want so many students failing to pass, the minister said. One of the measures the Education Ministry is trying to strictly enforce is the test examinations before sending the students to sit for SSC examinations.

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he added.

Outlining different measures to deter the unfair means in examinations Sheikh Shahidul Islam said that now, students were not allowed to sit in more examination centres than one in the upazila headquarters. It helped ensure law and order in and around the examination halls.

The migration of students to 'copy prone centres' had also been stopped, he said and noted that a motivation campaign was going on to prevent cheating in examinations.

The minister pointed out that the authorities of schools, colleges and education boards were teaming up with administrators, public and social leaders in motivating the students not to resort to unfair means in examinations. The campaign was also projecting the bad side of copying.

On other measures, Sheikh Shahidul Islam said that administrative machinery has been geared up side by side with reforms in the examination system including registration of students in class IX and class XI.

The students of any school or college are not being allowed to sit in their respective institutions for the examinations.

Besides, the services of the government and autonomous body officials have been mustered to assist the teachers performing invigilation duties. Side by side, the checking and scrutiny of the examination scripts have also been carefully monitored so that corruption cannot infect the system, the minister pointed out.

On removal of alleged corrupt practices in different education boards, the minister

said that measures had been taken against the sources of corruption and vested interest and these were showing positive results.

Sheikh Shahidul Islam cited the distribution of awards among the students who topped the merit lists this year at Osmany Auditorium by the Education Ministry as a measure intended to encourage good students to work for better results.

We have given them national recognition to inspire others to study hard and perform well rather than adopting hard ways of copying and cheating in examination halls, which is not going to reward them ultimately, the education minister added.