

Govt drops MCQ from primary exams

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GOVERNMENT has decided to drop multiple choice questions from this year's Primary Education Completion Examinations apparently for checking question leaks.

Primary and mass education minister Mostafizur Rahman on Tuesday announced that there would be no multiple choice questions from this year's PECE scheduled to be held in November.

Mostafizur Rahman, while announcing this year's scholarship to meritorious students of 2017's PECE at press conference, said they took the

decision in order flourish the merit of students.

There would be no MCQ question ... In place, the students would need to answer short questions of a line or two, he said.

The decision came following some recommendations including dropping of MCQ from public exam placed by the educationists to prevent question paper leaks in examinations.

National Academy for Primary Education, what is responsible for selecting question method for the primary exam after Class V, said it made the decision in line with primary and mass edu-

cation ministry's instruction to check question leaks.

NAPE officials said from this year examinees would need to answer 100 per cent competence-based questions what they terms as 'structured questions'.

The PEC examination started in 2009. The government from 2010 gradually increased competence-based questions.

The government raised 50 per cent competence-based questions in 2015 and 80 per cent in last year.

NAPE officials said candidates of PEC exams used to answer 10 MCQ questions in

Bangla, 20 in English, 24 in mathematics and 50 each in Bangladesh and global studies, general science and religion papers.

The government also announced that around 82,500 students would get scholarships in two categories — talent pool and general — this year, Mostafizur said.

A total of 33,000 students of talent pool category will get per month Tk 300 while 49,500 general students will get per month Tk 225.

The list of the students will be available on the website of Primary Education Directorate (www.dpe.gov.bd).