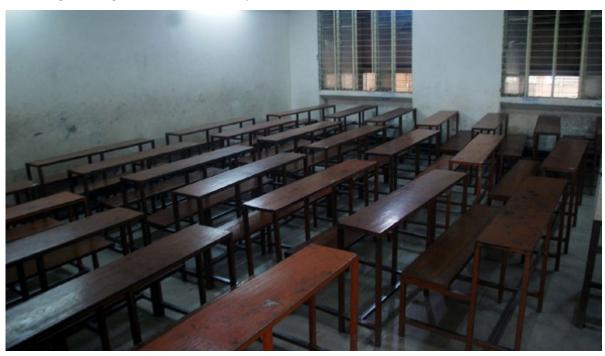


2000 edn institutions to be brought under MPO

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An empty classroom at a non-government secondary school in Dhaka as the teachers went on strike in all institutions across the country in 2018 demanding enlistment of the institutions for MPO.— New Age file photo

Education minister Dipu Moni on Sunday hinted at bringing some 2000 educational institutions of the country under the Monthly Payment Order.

'Some 2000 educational institutions will be brought under the Monthly Payment Order in phases. I have already discussed the issue with the finance minister. The institutions will be brought under the coverage after getting the allocation,' Dipu Moni told parliament while responding to a supplementary question by Peer Fazlur Rahman for Sunamganj 4 constituency of Jatiya Party.

The day's business began at about 4:45pm with speaker Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury in the chair. The minister said some 9000 institutions filed petitions for MPO enlistment. 'Out of those institutions, some 2000 institutions have been scrutinised and were found eligible,' she said.

Responding to another question of Ashim Kumar Ukil for Netrakona 3 constituency, the education minister said the government would identify abandoned school buildings through a survey in order to construct new buildings.

'Old buildings will be replaced with the new ones in phases,' she said.

Responding to another question of treasury bench lawmaker Abdul Latif, the minister said the incident of question paper leakage did not happen during the Secondary School Certificate examinations.

'The ministry has taken all-out measures to address question paper leakage in public examinations. Mobile phones and other electronic devices have been banned in examination halls to check question paper leakage,' she said.

A directive has also been issued to halt the operation of the coaching centres for a month during the exams, said the minister.



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