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### Computer error— SSC result

Two students earlier declared to be on the 9th and the 11th position in the S.S.C. merit list of the Dhaka Board have now been placed at the top. Further, 28 students in the General Science group (and 10 in social Science group) have also been included in the merit list. The Board officials admitted that it was due to some error in the computer programming.

Such serious mistakes in the result-sheet have created frustrations among the students as well as to their parents. Many meritorious students are now thinking that they have been deprived of their genuine positions. Many are not getting admission into the colleges of their choice because only one mark (genuine) less in their mark-sheets can cause the chance for admission because

this year the colleges are admitting students on the basis of marks secured in the SSC exam.

Personally I know quite a number of students from Dhaka Laboratory and other schools whose names were expected to be in the merit list but were not. However most of them have filed applications for re-examination of their answer scripts. And are eagerly awaiting the outcome. We hope the Dhaka Board authority will take steps to ensure that students are not deprived of even a single mark.

I think the Ministry of Education should constitute an inquiry committee to investigate into the matter and take necessary measures so that this sort of mistake may not occur in the future.

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