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Examinership :

Govt regulations not being implemented

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The decision of the Government regarding participation of School and College teachers in the Board's Examination is not implemented properly.

It is declared by a general circular of the Ministry of Education that the teachers serving in the schools and colleges shall not be entitled to participate in any kind of job in connection with SSC or HSC examinations whose son/daughter/word/nearest relatives will sit for the concerned examination or who is engaged in private tutorship. Authority of the Education boards gave widespread publicity of the circular and even took undertaking from the teachers during submitting the application forms a examinership. According to a competent source of Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Rajshahi, this step was taken in a meeting of the authority of all Board's and Ministry of Education to reduce alleged corruption in the examinations.

It is widely felt that the circular is not obeyed properly. The teachers of the Secondary schools in general and the teachers of some subjects of the colleges are engaged in private tuition. In many place more emphasis is given to private tuition than to college/school job. Specially our students are work in English

and except a few, most of the English teachers are interested private coaching. Science students also take shelter of the teachers so cut a good figure in the examinations.

Private coaching centres are flourishing day by day and gradually turning to a profitable but unproductive business. These centres even a few years back were concentrated in the big towns but now such centres are being set up in the villages also and the coaching, seeking students flock. Teachers of schools and colleges serve in these centres on contract basis for there to six months and get handsome and attractive remuneration to mitigate their livelihood of hardship. In this situation the employees of a noble profession do not bother to submit false undertaking as per governments requirement.

In another case, relatives, sons and daughters of the teachers of course will sit for the public examinations in due time and according to the circular the concerned teachers will not participate in the specific examination. This step is also not implemented. In the last SSC examination when this reporter visited some centres of Serajganj district it was nakedly observed that some teachers engaged somewhere else were found interested in the rooms, where their

wards had their seats. During submitting undertaking they have suppressed the fact that their sons or daughters are also the candidates and such undertakings were countersigned by the concerned heads of the institution.

Issuing of circular is not at all a complex matter. Implementation of government policy is the main thing which is neglected in the society.

It is opined by the knowledgeable source that issuing of such circular can not alone stop the irregularities because private tutorship is a money earning matter. The teachers, mainly serving in the private schools and colleges still do not get equivalent facilities as availed by the teachers of equally treated government institutions which lead the teachers of private institutions to earn through private tuitions. Of course, the government have taken some steps to upgrade the position of the teachers serving in the private institutions. On April 5 last the

President in the grand conference of Bangladesh Federation of Teachers Association declared dearness allowances. Yet more steps are needed to fulfill the aspiration of the teachers. Positive steps to ensure smooth livelihood of the teachers may be our important weapon for implementing government circulars. All people who are well wishers of the education sector want permanent solution of the prevailing discrepancies in public examinations which is ruining the backbone of the nation.