

Low percentage of pass in SSC exams 174400 seats in HSC level to remain vacant

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About one lakh 74 thousand and four hundred seats for the Intermediate classes will remain vacant all over the country due to low percentage of pass in the SSC examinations held in March-April, 1997.

The Statistics Book 1995 of Bangladesh Bureau of Educational Information and Statistics (BANBEIS) shows that there are about 1,268 government and non-government colleges throughout the country having an intake capacity of 5,48,262 students in the First Year Intermediate classes of the total colleges 603 are Intermediate level colleges while the rest are Degree level colleges.

A total of 3,73,784 students out of 7,16,865 who appeared in the Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examinations this year under all the five education boards of the country came out successful. Of the total number of successful students 1,28,759 obtained First Division, 2,34,342 Second Division while 10,683 students got Third Division.

Sources close to the Ministry of Education has informed the Bangladesh Observer that there are about 200 private Intermediate colleges in the country having an enrolment capacity of 25,000 students.

"The colleges which have been established between the year 1992 and 1995 are tottering on the brink of

collapse due to shortage of funds because they are yet to receive government aid" the sources said adding that the tuition fees and other charges of the students are the only source of income of those colleges.

Among those colleges built in between the year 1992 and 1995 as the percentage of pass in the SSC examinations sharply rose due to the introduction of Objective Type questions and Question Bank System. But the percentage of pass in the SSC examinations again fell in 1996 as the government withdrew Question Bank System resulting in acute funds shortage in the colleges.

There are about 603 Intermediate level colleges all over the country

with an intake capacity of 96,898 students in the First Year Intermediate classes while 665 Degree level colleges in the country have a capacity of 4,51,364 seats for the 1st Year Intermediate classes.

Of the 665 government and non-government Degree level colleges 118 are in Chittagong Division, 24 in Sylhet Division, 193 in Dhaka Division, 83 in Khulna Division and the rest 60 colleges in Barishal Division.

A total of 2,15,604 students sat for examinations under Dhaka Board this year of whom 1,07,730 came out successful. Of the successful students, 40,702 got First Division, 64,379 Second Division and 2,649

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Third Division.

While, a total of 1,83,345 candidates appeared in the examinations under Rajshahi Board of whom 90,135 came out successful. Of the total successful candidates, 27,193 obtained First Division, 59,460 Second Division and 3,482 Third Division.

A total of 1,19,472 students sat for examinations under Comilla Board of whom 73,090 came out successful. Of the successful candidates 27,171 got First Division, 44,353 Second Division and 1,566 Third Division.

Under Jessore Board a total of 1,36,129 candidates appeared in the examinations of whom 64,587 came out successful. Of the successful candidates, 20,939 got First Division, 41,948 Second Division and 1,700 Third Division.

In all 62,315 students sat for examinations under Chittagong Board of whom 38,242 came out successful. Of the successful students, 12,754 got First Division, 24,202 Second Division and 1,286 Third Division.