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## Excessive fee being realised from SSC examinees

From Our Correspondent

PANCHAGARH. Jan. 7:—Excessive fee more than the fixed one is being realised from the examinees of Secondary School Certificate Examinations under Rajshahi Board, it is alleged.

It may be mentioned here that by violating the board order the different school authorities like Panchagarh B.P. Govt Boys and Girls High School, Tetulia Boys and Girls High School, Atowari Boys and Girls High School, Debigonj Boys and Girls High School, Boda Boys and Girls High School, Bhajanpur Boys and Girls High School, Tunirhat High School, Mirgar High School, Maydandigi Boys and Girls High School, Sakowa Boys and Girls High School, Balarampur Boys and Girls High School etc. are realising excessive fee from students. As a result the examinees will not be able to sit for the examination, apprehended.

The Rajshahi Board fixed Tk 500 and Tk 615 for Arts and Science Groups respectively for appearing in the examinations. But the school authorities are realising Tk 2,000 to Tk 4,000 from each student.

The guardians of SSC examinees are compelled to sell their moveable and immoveable property to pay examination fees.

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Due to financial crisis at least 30

per cent students will not be able to pay fee. They will not be able to sit for the SSC Examinations.

While contacted the guardians told me that education now-a-days has become a commercial goods. The guardians further said that most of the teachers of schools, colleges and universities do not perform their duty properly and sincerely.

## Bogra

Our Bogra Correspondent reports: An allocation of 9,37,838 copies of books to be distributed free of cost among 4,23,085 students of primary section for the academic year of 1997 has been sanctioned for Bogra. Of the total requirement of books, 44,107 sets will be given from the surplus of last year 1996, the source said.

About 1,50,466 copies of books are allocated for Class I, 1,03,658 copies for Class II, 2,06,410 copies for Class III, 2,62,397 copies for Class IV and 2,14,907 copies for Class V.

Surplus copies of books of the academic year of 1996 in 11 thanas in the district include 19,467 sets for Class I, 15,121 sets for Class II, 3,520 sets for Class III, 3,758 sets for Class IV and 2,241 sets for Class V, the source further said.