

SSC exams begin tomorrow

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The Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examinations of the year 2000 under five education boards of the country will begin tomorrow (Thursday) amidst tight security.

Sources in the Ministry of Education said all formalities to hold the examinations have been completed. The education boards have already sent question papers and answer sheets to the offices of the Deputy Commissioners across the country.

Some 9,50,000 examinees are appearing in this year's SSC examinations from the five boards. Of them, 2,62,495 examinees will appear from Dhaka Board, 2,72,732 from Rajshahi board, 1,52,838 from Comilla Board, 1,66,987 from Jessore Board and 74,669 from Chittagong board.

The written part of examinations will continue till March 15. Examinations will be held on all weekdays excepting Fridays. On the

first day of the examination English First Paper will be held. The practical examinations will be held from March 27 to 31.

A source in the Education Ministry said this year the government has decided to take strict security measures to stop adopting of unfair means and maintain law and order in and around the examination centres.

The Ministry has already given directives to all Deputy Commissioners (DC) across the country to cancel examinations centres immediately if incidents of massive unfair means are reported or violence takes place there," the source said. He further said the examinations of cancelled centres would be taken at nearby other examination centres.

The ministry has also given authority to the DCs to take necessary actions against the teachers for negligence in duties at the examinations.

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nation halls. Like previous years section 144 will be enforced within the radius of 200 yards of the examination centres.

Besides, different teams from Education Ministry and all the education boards will make surprise visits to various examination centres to ensure holding of examinations successfully.