

Imaginary marks in test exam sent to board

# Excessive fees being realised from SSC examinees

From Our Correspondent

COMILLA, Jan 8:—Excessive fees more than the fixed one is being realised from examinees of Secondary School Certificate (SSC) Examinations under Comilla Board, it is alleged. The SSC examination will commence from March 15.

The SSC examinees of the upcoming examinations alleged that the school authorities had realised extra money beyond the Board's prescribed rate.

According to SSC examinees, the school administration in Barura, Muradnagar, Daudkandi including Sadar upazila have realised Tk 1600 to Tk 2000 from each examinee including tuition and coaching fees upto February.

According to Comilla Education Board, per subject and centre fees are fixed at Tk 35 and Tk 100 respectively. The total fees for Science Group, Humanities and Commerce Group stand at Tk 590 and Tk 555 respectively.

According to board's fixed rate per subject fee for Science Group Taka 35 which stands at Tk 385

for science subjects including one additional paper, Taka 30 for mark-sheets, practical examination fees for each of the subjects is Tk 20 and examination centre fee is Tk 100, boy scout or girls guide fee Taka 10 and education week fee is Taka 5. Thus the total amount of examination fees stand at Taka 590 and Taka 555 for Science and Humanities and Commerce Group respectively.

The Comilla High School authority realised Taka 1600 as examination fees including other dues for Science Group and Taka 1550 for Humanities and Commerce Groups each. Begum Jamila High School and Naria High School of Nangolkot Upazila Taka 1645 for Science Group and Taka 1600 for Humanities group respectively. Extra fees has been realised in other schools of Nangolkot upazila.

The school authorities in the rural areas of the district have realised SSC examination fees including other fees like school fees,

coaching fees, milad fees, session charge, school development charge etc ignoring the board instruction.

## Guardians sell property

Some High Schools of Muradnagar, Homna, Burichong Chouddagram, Chandina and Brahmanbaria upazila have realised Taka 1550 and Taka 1595 for Humanities and Science Group respectively.

The guardians of SSC examinees are compelled to sell their immovable property to pay examination fees. Due to financial crisis at least 20 per cent student will not be able to pay fees as they can not sit for the examinations.

There is no provision that the school authorities will show the marks of the individuals obtained at the test examinations in the form to be sent to the Education Board. Some guardians of the SSC examinees posed question how the school authorities sent the filled up forms to the Board's office who failed in the test examinations showing imaginary pass marks in the forms.

When contacted some Headmasters admitted the fact of taking excessive fees for the coaching classes but they denied the unfair means of realising fees from the students who failed in the test examinations.

There were many glaring instances of cheating and other unfair means that were adopted in various centres during the SSC examinations last year.

A total of 1440 examinees were expelled for adoption of unfair means in the halls during the English and Bengali examinations last year. The number of expulsions was quite high and the numbers of disturbances and acts of violence in different centres during the examinations last year increased.

Without appropriate changes in educational policy, administration, manpower management and in all other relevant fields, the existing chaotic condition in educational sector would further worsen and coming the conscious people of Comilla maintained.

## Chaotic condition

It is further noted that the Comilla Board authority had taken strict measures to check leakage of question paper and the mass copying in the SSC examinations.

The Board authority should make arrangement for creating awareness among the students about bad effect of mass copying.

The board authority had rewarded seven persons for their good performances in the last year SSC examinations. The board authority had got deployed addi-