

FEES COLLECTION FROM SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Govt asked to explain why action won't be taken

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THE High Court Division on Monday asked the government to explain in two weeks why action would not be taken against schools that were collecting admission and tuition fees from the recipients of primary and junior high school completion examinations.

A vacation bench of Justice Salma Masud Chowdhury and Justice Kazi Ejarul Haque Akondo also asked

the government to explain why collection of fees from the scholarship winners would not be declared illegal.

The respondents, education secretary, additional secretary (taskforce); chairmen of all the education boards, the directors general of primary, secondary and higher secondary education as well as district and upazila education officers were asked to reply to the rule in two weeks.

The bench passed the suo moto order after taking Dainik Ittefaq's report under caption 'Tuition fees from Scholarship winner students! Many well known schools flouting rules,' published Monday.

According to the report, even well known private schools were illegally collecting tuition, admission, registration, development and other fees from the students who won scholarships in the primary school comple-

tion and the junior school completion examinations.

The report said that these schools were violating an education ministry circular.

According to the report the errand schools include, Viqarunnisa Noon School & College, Ideal School and College Motijheel and Monipur High School and College.

Supreme Court lawyer Mohammad Amir Hossain drew the court's attention to the report.