



Tk 1500 to Tk 2500 being realised in place of Tk 495 to Tk 600

Excessive exam fees imposed on SSC candidates

From Our Correspondent

MYMENSINGH, Dec 6:— Most of the high school authorities in rural areas under 12 upazilas in Mymensingh district are realising excessive fee beyond the prescribed rates of SSC examinations fixed by the Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (BISE), Dhaka, it is alleged.

Some SSC candidates of Mymensingh district, including Islamia High School, Mymensingh, and Fazlul Hoque High School, Mymensingh, and Pali Sebak High School, Mymensingh, and Rabeya Girls High School, Mymensingh, and Gafargaon upazila, Mymensingh, and Mirabari Gujiam High School, Mymensingh, and Patuli High School, Mymensingh, and Pastail High School, Mymensingh, have realised Tk 1,500 to

School under Ishwarganj upazila, Mymensingh, has complained to this correspondent that the school authorities have realised excessive fees beyond the board's prescribed rate.

The per subject examination and centre fees are Tk 35 and Tk 100 respectively fixed by the board which also prescribed Tk 20 for practical examination of each subject and Tk 30 for mark sheet, Tk 10 as Boys' Scout or Girls' Guide fee and education fee Tk 5 for each student totalling Tk 495 and Tk 600 respectively based on subjects and groups.

Most of the high schools of the district located in the rural areas have realised Tk 1,500 to

Tk 2,500 from each student (examinee) Social Science, Business Education and Science groups.

Many of the guardians were compelled to sell their movable and immovable properties to pay the examination fees of their sons and daughters.

The school authorities in the rural areas have realised SSC examination fees including various fees like school's development fees, coaching fees, farewell fees etc without any receipts.

It is alleged that many school authorities allowed the students to appear at the examinations who failed in the first attempt.

Examinations to fill up the application forms for the SSC examinations showing them successful in the Test Examination giving imaginary pass marks.

There is a provision that every high school authority will show the subjectwise marks obtained by the students in the Test Examinations and send the marks to the Education Board.

When contacted some headmasters on condition of anonymity admitted the fact and taking of excessive fees for the coaching class and disallowed fees from the students who failed in the Test Examination.