

Frustation of admission-seekers in city reputed colle

Teachers of low-performing colleges fear MPO loss

RAJSHAHI, July 28:-When reputed urban colleges are grappling with onrush of admission-seekers following a GPA-5-boom this year, authorities of rural ones tempting students with largesse to get admitted into their institutions, reports UNB.

Although this paradoxical situation common all over the country, there are reportedly some instances in Rajshahi of buying

certificates of the SSC-passed students by college authorities to get them admitted into those low-performing colleges.

The desperation stems from fears about loss of MPO (monthly payment order) in case they failed to get adequate numbers of students.

Officials at the Rajshahi Education Board said 130,967 students had sat for this year's SSC exami-

nations from science, humanities and commerce groups under the Board.

On the other hand, according to the Education Ministry, the number of seats in 1,446 colleges under Rajshahi Board is 515,700. numbers of seats in good colleges are too inadequate to take students with brilliant results.

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the city -- New Government Degree College, Government City College, Government Women's College and Residential Model College -- have merely 2,900 seats.

On the contrary, the rest 1,442 colleges, mostly rural colleges, with their 512,800 seats are in tussles with one another for getting the rest 128,067 students, including 3,600 GPA-5 scores. As such, a total of some 384,733 seats may remain vacant after the admission in those nondescript colleges.

Apprehending the danger, many rural colleges feel a risk of losing the golden goose--monthly payment of salary of teachers-staffs from government coffers under the MPO-for lack of requisite numbers of fresh students in the 2006-2007 session.

In the district, parents are knocking at the doors of urban colleges with a hope for better academic career of their children.

"In a just reverse scene, teachers of the rural colleges have started door-to-door hunt at the houses of parents to catch students to save their colleges as well as their livelihoods," said many a teacher in the race.

Sources said such teachers have taken recourse to various tactics to collect students. They are being offered educational instruments for free, transport facilities and scholarships.

A most worrying matter is that some colleges were learned to be offering the students 'facility' during examinations if they took admission. This facility could be a euphemism of copying, some of the sources indicated.

Under another ploy, some colleges are buying certificates of students for Tk 1000-1500 so they get admitted.

"The parents appeared reluctant to get their children admitted into rural colleges as most have failed to prove their ability to teach the students ensuring quality and good results," said one education official concerned.