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# Excessive fee realised from SSC examines

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NOAPARA, Jan. 24.—Excessive fee, more than the fixed one for the Secondary School Certificate Examinations under the Jessore Board had been realised from the examinees, it is alleged.

Violating the Board order the different school authorities under the Jessore Board are realising excessive fees from the students of Monirampur, Kesebpur, Bagharpara, Abhoynagar and Jessore Sadar Upazilas. As a result hundreds of examinees would not be able to sit for the examination, it is apprehended.

Meanwhile the Jessore Board has fixed the rate of fee for theory paper at Taka 14, practical paper at Taka 26, centre fee Taka 40 and marksheet fee Taka 15.

An examinee required a total of Taka 300 for appearing in the examination. But some schools are realising Taka 500 to Taka 800 from each student against the Board's fixed rate of Taka 300.

It may be mentioned here that these districts have been badly affected by the worst flood and cyclone last year. The cultivators have lost their crops. Consequently the guardians of SSC examinees are compelled to sell either their moveable or immoveable properties to pay examination fee.

It is reported that at least 30 per cent candidates in these upazilas could not be able to pay the fees. As a result they will be deprived of appearing in the next examination.

Some guardians told me that a boy after successfully completing his higher education has become a vagabond. Then he has no way but to do something in the society. They lamented that a boy after completing higher education has to spend at least Taka 15,000 for appointment in the post of a teacher in a primary school. A poor father cannot afford to spend such big amount. As a result he becomes burden of a family as well as the society. They further lamented that education has become a kind of business now a days.

### Survey work

Settlement and Land Survey are being continued in Abhoynagar upazila like other parts of the country. But it is alleged that the land owners

who could not pay bribe, are being harassed. None could expect proper work without offering bribe, it is alleged.

### Prices soaring

The prices of rice, vegetables and other essential commodities have gone up causing untold hardship specially to the low income group of people in Noapara, Fultata, Dumuria, Monirampur and Kesebpur upazilas.

Coarse rice is being sold at Taka 11 per kilogram as against Taka 8 to 9 per kilogram last year. Fine quality rice is being sold at Taka 13.50 per kilogram which was sold at Taka 10.50 to 11.00 per kilogram last year.

Bean is being sold at Taka 12 per kilogram, cabbage at Taka 8 per kg, potato at Taka 8 per kg, palang sak at Taka 8 per kg, pumpkin at Taka 12 each.

Onion is being sold at Taka 15 per kilogram, garlic at Taka 35 to 40 per kilogram. Masur is being sold at Taka 26 per kilogram as against Taka 16 to 18 last year.

Mustard oil is being sold at Taka 48 per kg, soyabin at Taka 36 per kg, coconut at Taka 64 per kg.

Beef is being sold at Taka 40 per kilogram, mutton at Taka 70 per kg, hen at Taka 50 per kilogram.