

3.3 lakh to sit for // SSC exam

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About three lakh 30 thousand students will be appearing at the Secondary School Certificate Examinations (SSC) this year from four Education Boards of the country. The Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examination is scheduled to begin from April 15 this year. This unprecedented number of students at the SSC examinations this year is because that both the students of new courses and old courses are appearing at the same examinations. The ratio of students of both the new and old courses this year is approximately 60 and 40 respectively. Under the normal rules this year is the last chance for the students of old courses. But according to the Chairman of Dhaka Education Board, the students under the old course might get another chance next year.

About one lakh students will be appearing at the Secondary School Certificate examination from Dhaka Board. The number of students from Rajshahi Board is about 80,000. From Comilla and Jessore Boards, the number of examinees is expected to be around 7,500 respectively.

When contacted, the Chairman, Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education, Dhaka told me that they were yet to issue the admit cards to the SSC examinees. He said

that 1985 is going to be the first year for the students appearing at the SSC examination under the new course.

Dhaka Board this year will have 133 centres within its jurisdiction. It will conduct SSC examination also from six overseas centres. The overseas centres are meant for the words of Bangladeshis nationals staying abroad.

According to the convention the students are not to sit at the SSC examinations from their own institutions. But for the Cadet Colleges the students are allowed to sit at the SSC examination from their own institutions. When contacted the Chairman of Dhaka Education Board told this correspondent that students of the cadet colleges had been appearing at the SSC examinations from their own institutions. He however said that the authorities concerned also wanted that the conventional procedure should be maintained.

At present there are 10 cadet colleges in the country. Before the liberation of the country, there were four cadet colleges. The government after the independence had set up six more cadet colleges. The Chairman of Dhaka Board also told this correspondent that they were retaining the centre of SSC examinations at the Cadet Colleges only for the administrative convenience. He however said

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that the Board had been engaging their flying invigilators to conduct the examination in all these centres.

Many guardians and members of the teaching staff and public feel that uniform procedures in terms of fixing examination centres should be followed by board authorities.