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Edn. institutions set up for political purposes

Colleges facing closure, poor results in SSC Exam

CHANDPUR, Aug. 8:—At least ten newly established intermediate college of this district are facing closure mainly owing to poor percentage of pass in the Secondary School Certificate Examinations of 1996.

It is learnt that most of these colleges have been set up for political and commercial purpose keeping pace with abnormal high percentage of pass in the SSC Examination in the recent years. This year the percentage of pass in the SSC Examination has drastically fallen owing to abolishment of the much criticized question bank system.

Besides the question bank, the

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percentage also rose owing to a political decision of the previous government that allowed the examinees to get necessary pass marks in a particular subject by only giving a tick mark in the multiple choice parts of the question. From now an examinee shall have to pass in both the objective and essay type portion of questions of a subject.

In the past innumerable examination centres were set up in the rural areas which also contributed to the high percentage of pass by allowing the candidates to copy freely. These rural centres were nothing but the

centres of mass copying and corruption in examination, it is alleged.

It is also alleged that education boards were compelled to set up these centres owing to political pressures which the boards could not withstand.

Encouraged by this easy pass system in SSC Examinations a section of people with the blessings of political leaders established these colleges without assessing the necessity of the area. In a single thana five to six colleges were set up by ignoring the minimum requirement for establishing a college.

It is alleged these colleges were set up only to secure the 80 per cent subsidy of the government towards the salary of the teachers and staffs. Some of these colleges also managed to set up HSC Examination centre in recent years to alluring the students to get themselves admitted into those colleges to pass the examination through unfair means.

Over the last few years these types of college business was going on rampant. But this year's low percentage of pass and change of easy pass system is a bolt from blue for such 'businessmen', it is alleged.

For the survival of these so-called ill-equipped and ill managed colleges, attractive banners and posters have been hung in all conspicuous places with lofty promises including free education and 'sure success' in examination to allure new students.

There are 31 colleges in Chandpur district including two government colleges. It is learnt that this year only 4000 examinees out of about 12000 candidates came out successful in the SSC Examination under Comilla Board.