

Shortage of seats at degree level

8600 students may not get admission

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About 86 thousand students, who passed HSC examination last year will not get chance to get themselves admitted into the degree level educational institutions due to shortage of enrolment capacity of the institutions.

According to the recent statistics book of Bangladesh Bureau of Educational Information and Statistic (BANBEIS), the intake capacity of the degree level educational institutions all over the country is 1,57,000. But the number of successful candidates in the HSC examination held under all the five education boards last year was 2,42,960. As such 85,960 students will be deprived of pursuing higher studies.

Moreover, about 11,000 students, who secured first division in the HSC examination last year will be deprived of getting quality education.

The statistics shows that the intake capacity of the quality educational institutions of the country like government-run universities, BUET, medical colleges, Bangladesh Institute of Technology (BIT), agricultural colleges and government honours colleges is about 36,000. But a total of 47,574 students obtained first division in the HSC examination last year from all the five education boards of the country.

According to the statistics of BANBEIS, there are 221 government and 391 non-government degree colleges in the country with an enrolment capacity of 1,35,000. Nine government-run universities and the private universities have a total of 18,000 seats and the government-run

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medical colleges together with some private ones accommodate a total number of 2,000 students.

Besides, all the BITs, Institute of Leather Technology, Institute of Textile, Institute of Marine Engineering and all the agricultural colleges have 1500 seats.

The situation was quite different in the previous year. In the year 1996 about 30,000 seats at the degree level educational institutions remained vacant due to low percentage of pass in the HSC examination. The number of students came out successful in HSC examination of 1996 was 1,27,464.

A total of 7,22,215 students took part in the HSC examinations (held in May 1997) from all the five education boards of the country of which 2,42,960 came out successful.