

1,43,101 pass SSC exams this year

Times Report

The four boards of intermediate and secondary education this year produced a total of one lakh 43 thousand and 101 secondary school certificate (SSC) pass-outs from all over the country.

A total of two lakh 33 thousand three hundred and fourteen candidates had appeared at the SSC examination of 1981 from the Dacca, Comilla, Jessore and Rajshahi boards.

According to the results announced during the past two weeks, of the total SSC pass-outs of the year—fifteen thousand and 95 were in the First Division; 65 thousand and 82 in the Second Division and 52 thousand, nine hundred and 24 were in the Third Division.

The percentage of pass differed from board to board. The three other boards overtook the Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Dacca, in this regard this year. While the

percentage of pass in Dacca Board was 53.85 per cent, it was 59.75 per cent in Jessore Board, 59.56 per cent in Comilla Board and 55.73 per cent in Rajshahi Board.

An analysis of the performances of the candidates from the four boards, however, shows that although the Dacca education board seemed to be shy in matter of percentage of pass, it had the largest concentration of the First Division and Second Division holders.

Out of fifteen thousand ninety-five first division holders from the four boards, five thousand six hundred and ninety-two belong to the Dacca board. Similarly of the total 65 thousand and 82 second division holders nineteen thousand two hundred and 43 are from the Dacca Board.

It is interesting to note here that the boards of Dacca and Comilla sent up almost an identical number of candidates for the SSC examinations this year. But only two thousand four hundred and 85 candidates were placed in First Division in Comilla Board. The number of second division holders from Comilla Board was also less by more than two thousand compared to that from Dacca Board.

Of the two other boards, the Jessore Board looks to have an edge over the Rajshahi Board as far as the performance of the candidates is concerned. Jessore Board sent up 52 thousand and ninety-three candidates while Rajshahi Board sent up 51 thousand eight hundred and five candidates for the SSC examinations this year.

A qualitative analysis of the results of the Jessore and Rajshahi boards show that while four thousand one hundred and eleven candidates were placed in First Division in Jessore Board; in Rajshahi Board the number of First Division holders was two thousand eight hundred and seven.

However, the number of Second Division holders from the Jessore and Rajshahi boards were almost identical — fourteen thousand three hundred and ninety-seven, and fourteen thousand three hundred and forty-one respectively.

Curiously enough, the Comilla Board had the largest concentration of Third Division holders (15,610). The number of Third Division holders from the three other boards were: Jessore Board—12,975, Dacca Board—12,613 and Rajshahi Board 11,722.

It is worth mentioning here that over ninety thousand of the candidates who appeared at

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the SSC examinations this year failed to make their mark.

Although the percentages of pass from the four boards looks somewhat not very much discouraging, the education authorities should find out some ways and means to restrict the number of failures at the SSC examinations to a certain limit.

Past experiences with the candidates who failed to pass the SSC examinations suggest that most of them simply drop out of the education system. And unless some ways were devised to check such large scale failures, wastage of educational facilities — however limited — would continue to increase in future.

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