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Fake registration scandal in Jessore Board

## Steps taken against 16 staff, 26 schools

From Our Correspondent

JESSORE, April 24: Punitive measures have been undertaken against 16 employees of Jessore Education Board and 26 secondary schools for alleged registration scandal in the ongoing SSC examination under the Board.

Measures are being taken on reports of an enquiry committee instituted by the Ministry of Education following widespread allegation of corruption in the registration of the examinees.

It may be mentioned here that the Board authorities cancelled false registration of 15,500 examinees. The registration of 400 examinees were revived at the last moment as these students submitted clearances from the proper authorities.

Sixteen Board employees, against whom actions are being taken included 9 LD, Assistant cum Typists, 2 Junior Auditors, 2 UD Assistants and 3 LD Assistants. The Government has also ordered for suspension of government's grants of 80 percent teachers benefit to 26 secondary schools Head Masters.

Meanwhile, government has constituted 7-member high-powered enquiry committee to investigate the anomalies. The committee is headed by Joint

Secretary, College Div. of Education Ministry. The other members of the committee are chairmen of Dhaka, Comilla, Rajshahi and Jessore Boards, Director of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education and Dy. Secretary (Schools Division) of Education Ministry. The latter will act as member-secretary of the committee. The committee will review total management registration system, recognition and affiliation of schools and overall examination system of Jessore Board.

According to another information, the Home Ministry has issued warrant of arrests against 4 persons involved in registration scandal of the Board. Police is looking for them. These persons are Golam Mostafa, Head Master, Huda Rajapur High School, Khelafat Hossain, Head Master, Jessore Night School, Abdul Gaffar Choudhury, President of so-called Action Committee against the Board and Abdul Jabbar Paltu. It is alleged that these persons realised an amount of Tk. 1,67,000 from 233 examinees of Jessore, Barguna, Patharghata, Barisal, Betagi, Galachipa, Kolaroa, Paikhacha, Kapilmuni, Alambanga, Jhalakati, Nalchiti, Rajapur and Lalmohon.