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Headmaster transferred on criminal charges

By A Staff Reporter

Education Minister Sheikh Shahidul Islam made a surprise visit to Motijheel Government Boys High School and ordered transfer of the Headmaster on criminal charges.

The Minister told the Times that he caught the Headmaster, Mr Shamsul Islam who is also the Head Examiner of Mathematics of Dhaka Board, red-handed while manipulating scores in the examination scripts. Secondly, the Minister said, the Headmaster allegedly admitted more students in different classes than sanctioned by the government. This he did, the Minister added, allegedly for financial gains.

Sheikh Shahid said that in one answer script of an SSC examinee the Headmaster, as Head Examiner, increased the marks to 33 although the concerned examinee secured only 14 marks. In another script an examinee was given letter marks although he secured 78. He said that the Headmaster would also be barred from attending any duty in connection with SSC examinations.

The Minister said that the Headmaster admitted 280 students in four sections of Class six although the sanctioned capacity was 240.

Mr Shamsul Islam told the Times that as a Head Examiner he had the power to add or deduct 10 numbers after going through an examination script.

He denied the allegation that he increased the number of an examinee who did not deserve it.

He denied that he raised the number from 14 to 33. There might be some mistake in adding numbers by an examiner and he had the right to correct the incorrect number. He agreed that he had enrolled 280 students in Class six although the sanctioned strength was 240. There were requests and pressures from some quarters which could not be ignored, he said.