

FOR CHARGING EXTRA FEES

6 Ctg schools to lose academic status

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The education ministry has directed Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Chittagong to cancel academic registration of six educational institutions in Chittagong for charging additional fees from the students defying rules.

It served a notice to the chairman of the board to this end, according to a circular of the ministry issued on Thursday.

The institutions are Maroon Sun School and College, Merit Bangladesh School and College, Chittagong Ideal High School, National English School, Bangladesh Elementary School, and Mirza Ahmed Ispahani High School.

Authorities of these institutions have breached the section 11 of admission policy for non-government schools and colleges-2016 and charged students additional fees, the circular read.

This action seems to be the first case against schools on the grounds of charging extra amounts. Although parents have long been alleging against schools in Dhaka and other metropolitan cities of taking fees higher than the government-fixed amount for several years, the visible action of the government was limited to issuing warning only.

The education minister also warned of taking actions against the institutions time and again and asked them to return the extra money or adjust it with the monthly fees, but to no avail.

"Finally, the government takes this bold step. It's very encouraging," said a parent.

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In another circular issued on Thursday, the ministry sought explanation from the chairman of Chittagong board as to why academic registration of five more institutions in the port city will not be cancelled for overcharging the students by violating the same section of the admission policy.

The institutions are: Chittagong Cantonment Public School, Chittagong Cantonment English School and College, Halisahar Cantonment Public School and College, Bangladesh Navy School and College, and BAF Shaheen College Chittagong.