

## PRIVATE MEDICAL COLLEGES Why MBBS course fee Tk 19.9 lakh *HC asks govt*

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The High Court yesterday questioned the legality of the government's decision fixing Tk 19.9 lakh as the admission and tuition fees and intern allowance for each candidate of MBBS and BDS courses in private medical colleges across the country.

The court issued a rule asking the authorities concerned to explain in four weeks why the decision should not be declared illegal.

The health secretary, director general of the Directorate of Health Services, vice chancellor of Dhaka University, Bangladesh Medical and Dental Council, Dhaka National Medical College and its governing body have been made respondents to the rule.

The HC bench of Justice M Enayetur Rahim and Justice Md Jahangir Hossain passed the rule following a writ petition filed recently by Supreme Court lawyer Eunus Ali Akond challenging the legality of the government's decision.

The health ministry on October 26, 2014 issued a notice fixing Tk 19.9 lakh as the admission and tuition fees and intern allowance for each of the MBBS and BDS admission seekers in private medical colleges.

In the petition, Eunus said the ministry has no authority to impose any condition for the admission of private MBBS and BDS students since Bangladesh Medical and Dental Council are entrusted with dealing the issue.

The government decision is discriminatory for the private MBBS and BDS admission seekers, he also said in the petition.

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