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SSC exams begin tomorrow

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EDUCATION minister Nurul Islam Nahid on Saturday warned teachers of stern action if anyone found helping students solve their questions in the examination halls.

The minister said there were allegations that many on-duty teachers during exams favour students to work out multiple choice and others questions.

He came up with the caution at a press conference ahead of the Secondary School Certificate examination scheduled to begin on February 1.

The minister said there would be strong monitoring over such dereliction of duty in the exam halls.

"Tougher actions will be taken against the teachers to be found guilty of such mal-practices," Nahid said.

He also asked examiners not to give extra marks to examinees as 'there is no such directive given by the education ministry ever.'

"Let me make it clear to everyone concerned that there are no such instructions to award students higher scores."

Just give examinees marks they deserve, do not allocate better marks or less marks on their scripts," Nahid said.

This year, some 16.51 lakh students -- 8.43 lakh boys and 8.08 girls -- of 28,119 institutions are expected to take the exams at 3,143 centres across the country. Of the total students, 14.74 lakh are regular and 1.73 lakh are irregular students.

The number of students has increased by 1,72,257 from the past year's 14.79 lakh.

This year, 13.04 lakh students will take the SSC exams under eight general education boards, 2.48 lakh students under Madrassah board and 98 thousands students will take the exams under the technical education board.

This year, questions of all subjects, but Bangla second paper, English first and second papers, will include creative questions.

The government has decided to hold Multiple Choice Question exam prior to written tests from this year.

The written exams will end on March 08 and that the practical exams will be held between March 9 and 14, respectively.

The results will be announced within 60 days of the exams, Nahid said, pledging that the government has taken all possible measures to stop any question leakage.

The potential question pilferage suspects, such as, some coaching centres and Xerox shops have been put under intelligence surveillance, he said.