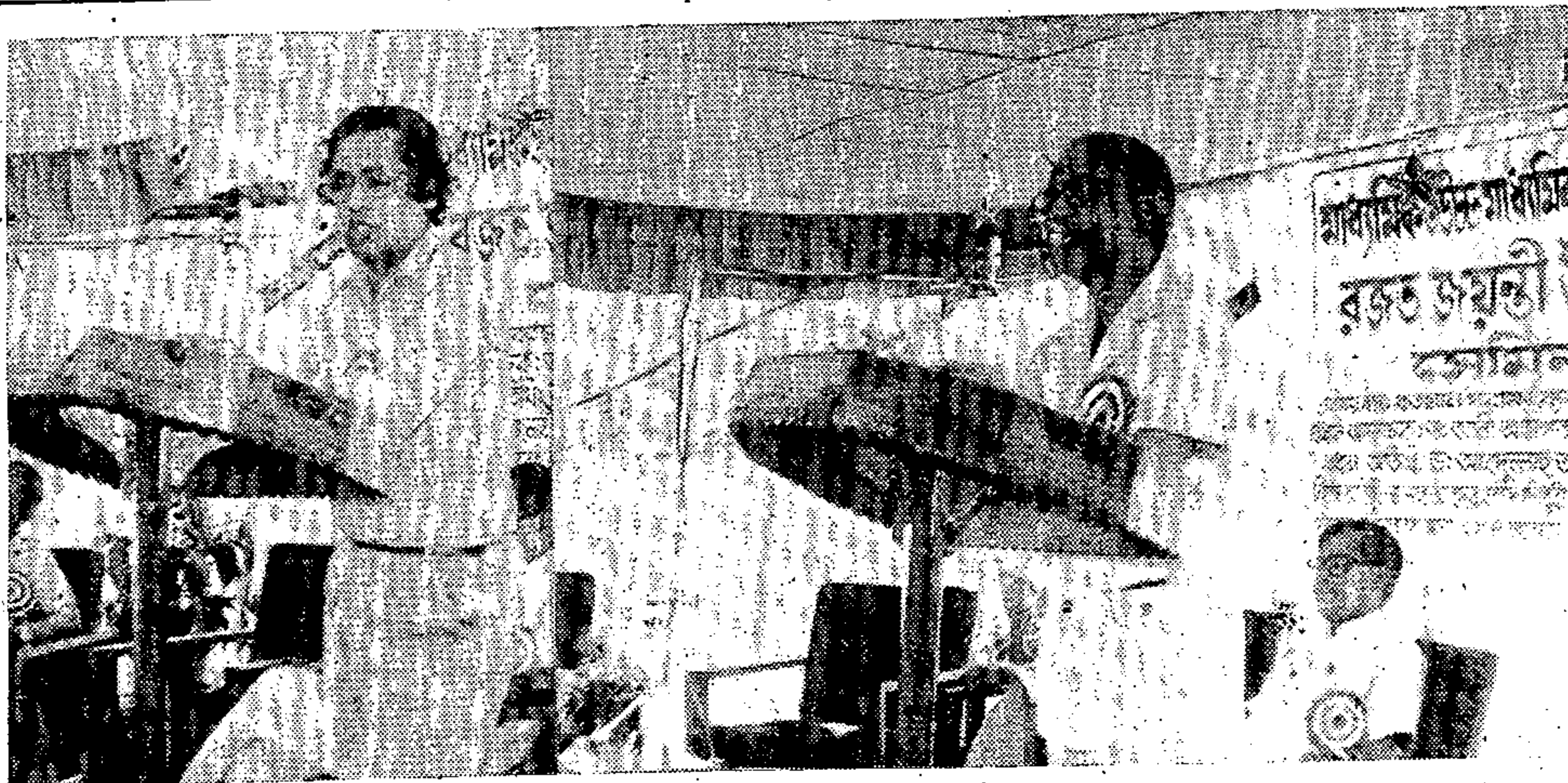


## Comilla Board expelled 2200 SSC candidates

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Speakers at a seminar arranged by Comilla Board.

A total of about 2200 examinees of the just concluded secondary school certificate examination (SSC) were expelled from 62 examination centres of the Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (BISE), Comilla, according to latest official figures received from different centre secretaries.

The figure may increase if official reports of expulsion from all the 121 centres within the jurisdiction of the Board reached the Examination Control Room in due time. A sizeable number of examination centres have been located in the remotest upazila headquarters, which have not yet been blessed with better communication facilities. As a result this problem, could not be solved this year too, it is gathered.

On the other hand, some of the centre secretaries usually report the figure of expulsion and reported cases of the examination after completion of the theoretical and practical

examination through messenger or by post.

However Comilla Board authority opened an Examination control cell this year by deposing officers in rotation round the clock to receive day-to-day reports of expulsion and reported cases and other incidents held during the examination period.

Excepting a few centre secretaries, reports in this regard have not been poured-in in the cell from most of the centres. This dilly-dally attitude of the centre secretaries has been termed by some educationists as one of the loop-hole in the examination system.

According to a competent source of the Board, reports of a total figure of 2158 expelled examinees have so far been reached from 62 examination centres in the Examination Control Room.

Out of the total, Comilla district topped the list of highest number of expulsion with

787 examinees from 12 centres, which was followed by Chandpur district with 548 expelled examinees from 7 centres.

From equal numbers (7) of centres 396 examinees were expelled in Brahmanbaria district, 183 examinees from 12 centres in greater Chittagong district, 139 examinees from 17 centres of greater Sylhet district, while greater Noakhali district was found in the bottom of the list with least numbers of 105 expelled examinees from 7 centres.

However highest figure of expulsion of examinees from a single centre was reported from Daudkandi in Comilla with 154, followed by Raojan centre in Chittagong and Burichong centre in Comilla with 129 each. Comilla Sadar centre with 123 was listed in the next position, while Chandpur Sadar centre in Chandpur district with 118, Brahmanbaria Sadar centre in, Brahmanbaria district with 91 Hatiya centre in greater Noa-

khali District with 41 and Rajnagar centre in greater Sylhet district with 22 expulsion registered top position in district-wise break-up in this regard.

A strange figure was revealed from the final reports regarding disciplinary action taken against the invigilators during the examination dates.

When this correspondent was filing day-to-day reports of expulsion during SSC examination dates, it was then gathered from the Examination Control Room that within the 4th day of the examination action was taken against 14 teachers (invigilators) of 4 districts for negligence of duties.

But when the final report in this particular matter reached the Board, the figure mysteriously dropped down to 9 (nine), which included 6 from Daudkandi centre, 2 from Laksam and 1 from Barura centres.