Striking Board employees meet edn minister today

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Leaders of the striking employees, of the country's eight education Board will sit for a formal dialogue with the Education Minister ASHK Sadeque today (Thursday) in the Ministry of Education to resolve the present stalemate.

Sources said, the Education Minister after an informal meeting with the leaders of the Inter-Education Board Employees Federation on Wednesday agreed to hold a formal discussion today (Thursday). Earlier, the leaders of the federation met the Education Minister at his Secretariat office at 12 noon on Wednesday and apprised him of their demands.

The indefinite strike called by the Inter-Education Board Employees Federation in all the eight boards passed the fourth consecutive day on

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Wednesday.

The employees of the boards started indefinite strike since Sunday to press their four-point demand which include cancellation of the report of the Task Force that brought corruption charges against some official and employees of the education boards, stoppage of the move to curtail the autonomy of the boards, to stop intervention in the management of the boards by the Ministry of Education and transfer of Centralised Computer Cells to respective boards.

Due to the strike, registration of the HSC private candidate for the year 1998 from 30 private colleges under Dhaka Education Board could not be completed. The registration of the regular HSC candidates will also be disturbed. The registration is scheduled to begin from Wednesday. The registration of SSC candidates has been completed.

The SSC and HSC examinations are scheduled to be held from April 16 and May 28 respectively.

The delivery of Mark Sheets, Certificates and Attestation Forms for those applying for higher studies has also been affected by the strike. A large number of students visiting the boards for various purposes have been returning home disappointed everyday following the strike.