

# SSC students forced to pay more?

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DINAJPUR: Excessive fees are being realised for the Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examination under the Rajshahi Board by different schools in the district of Dinajpur, it is alleged.

Violating a board order, different schools under the Rajshahi Board are making students of Birol, Birganj Khanama, Navabganj Birampur and Sadar upazilas to pay fees beyond fixed rates. As a result, hundreds of examinees would not be able to sit for the examina-

tion this year, it is apprehended.

The Rajshahi Board has fixed the examination fee per theoretical paper at Taka 140, Taka 26 for each practical paper, centre fee Taka 40 and mark-sheet fee Taka 15. Thus an examinee is to pay a total of Taka 300 for appearing in the examination. But some schools are realising Taka 800 to 1500 against the fixed rate of Taka 300. Irregular students are to pay Taka 1800 to 2500 each to be sent up from the schools concerned.

It may be mentioned here that

these upazilas where the practice is going on were the worst flood affected areas in the country and most of the cultivators had lost their standing crops.

Consequently the guardians of SSC examinees are being compelled to sell their movable or immovable properties to pay excessive fees. Otherwise their wards would be deprived of the chance of appearing at the ensuing examination.

Some guardians alleged that nowadays education had become a kind of business to some teachers and institutions.