

SSC-candidates asked to pay Tk 1800 as exam. fee

NATROE, Nov. 26:—The non-government schools here have decided to realise additional fees from the SSC candidates this year provoking widespread protest from the guardians, reports UNB.

Schools sources said excess amount of Tk 300 to Tk 500 was asked to be paid as coaching fees while submitting registration forms for the SSC Examinations scheduled to be held in March next year. The process has to be completed by December.

The amount to be raised by 126 non-government schools in the district will stand at about Tk 30 lakh.

Some guardians said they were being advised to pay the unauthorised "coaching fees" along with the forms or their wards would be disallowed in the selection test, admit cards would be refused or results would be withheld.

The Rajshahi Education Board fixed the actual registration and examination fees at Tk 590 for Science group and Tk 550 for Humanities Group.

But the school authorities are allegedly realising Tk 1,300 to Tk 1,800 from each student. The amount includes coaching fees and advanced tuition and session fees for six months.

Guardians alleged coaching classes were hardly held although fees were realised like each year.

They said about 5,000 poor prospective SSC candidates of the district were facing uncertainty as their guardians were unable to pay such a huge amount of money.

The local leaders and guardians have urged the authorities concerned to take necessary measures against undue and unauthorised realisation of "coaching fees".