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Admission crisis hits Ctg HSC level students

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CHITTAGONG, Aug 11:—The guardians of students in Chittagong have now been facing a baffling situation to get their college-going wards admitted to the port city's top two colleges.

More than five thousand students who passed Secondary School Certificate Examinations this year are not hopeful of their admission into prestigious Chittagong College and Government City College, no matter what result they achieved in the

previous examinations. These two premier colleges are still in a dilemma to call the freshers for admission in the Higher Secondary Certificate classes.

"A controversial decision of the Ministry of Education has created such a frustrating situation", said a senior teacher of Chittagong College adding, "It will be unwise on the part of the authority to bar the freshers suddenly from taking admission into intermediate level."

The Ministry of Education in a recent decision reportedly enforced a rule that those colleges where there are honours courses in as many as four subjects will cease to have their intermediate level of education. Instead, the Ministry is likely to have suggested the introduction of intermediate level education (eleventh and twelfth class) in the reputed high schools.

But these two prestigious colleges in Chittagong have already gone for implementing the government decision before opening up of intermediate level by the high schools. The Chittagong Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education is yet to give its affiliation to these schools for opening intermediate courses.

A survey conducted by this correspondent revealed that about 34,000 boys and girls of intermediate level have been scrambling here for admission in good colleges for the next academic session. But the maximum seats for new admission in the port city's existing eleven colleges are

20,000. The survey was prompted in the rush of students for admission to different colleges in the city. The possible closure of admission of intermediate students in the two government colleges has further helped to shrink the admission capacity to 17,000.

The so-called other good colleges are broadly divided into a handful of private and government ones. The students of higher calibre usually prefer government colleges. There is also an increasing rush for admission into a few public colleges. Most of higher income families are now contemplating to send their wards abroad for higher studies in such a situations.

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