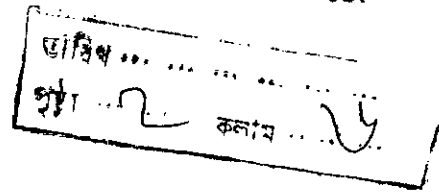


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## Sadique calls for no hartals during SSC exams

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Education Minister ASHK Sadique yesterday called upon the people of all walks of life to extend all out cooperation for holding of the upcoming SSC examinations in a free, fair and peaceful manner.

In a statement, he said that all preparations have been taken for holding the SSC (Secondary School Certificate) examinations across the country.

The minister called on the opposition political parties to refrain from calling hartals during the

examinations in consideration for the students.

He hoped that the opposition will consider the appeal of the students.

A total of 10 lakh candidates are scheduled to sit for the examination from March 15, he added.

Referring to the recent hartals called by the four-party opposition alliance, Sadique said thousands of students will suffer if the opposition alliance enforces hartal during the examinations.

It is the rights of the students to complete their examinations

without fear and tension, he said.

Terming the opposition enforced hartals as baseless and issueless, he said such hartals would not bring any positive results for the people of the country.