

ADMISSION TO MEDICAL COLLEGES

# SC upholds 5pc quota for FFs' children, grandchildren

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The Supreme Court yesterday upheld a High Court verdict that directed the government to strictly follow the five percent quota for freedom fighters' children and grandchildren's admission to medical and dental colleges.

The SC passed the order after dismissing an appeal filed by the government challenging the HC verdict.

After a writ was filed, the HC on

March 6 last year said the government had to follow the rules in admitting freedom fighters' children in Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) and Bachelor of Dental Surgery courses for the 2013-14 academic session, although the admission for the session had already been completed.

Delwar Hossain Khan, son of freedom fighter Abul Kashem, submitted the petition in November 2013 saying that his daughter Lamia Hossain Muna

appeared for the MBBS admission test for the 2013-2014 session.

If the authorities would follow the five percent quota rule then she could be admitted to a medical college, he said.

Petitioner's counsel Sikder Maqbul Huq told The Daily Star that the authorities had to allow Lamia Hossain Muna to get admission for second year's MBBS course this year, since she had completed first year's MBBS course in a private medical college.