

Boys included in govt stipend list

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For the first time, poor male students at the higher secondary level are going to get government stipend.

The Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (EcneC) yesterday at a meeting approved a Tk 513 crore project titled "Higher Secondary Stipend Project" under which 17.03 lakh students will get the financial support.

Planning Minister AHM Mustafa Kamal briefed reporters after the meeting chaired by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Of the total students at the higher secondary level, 40 percent female and 10 percent male students will receive the financial aid under the project.

The amount of stipend for the students of science section will be higher than that of other groups to encourage science education in the country, according to the project document.

A student from the science group would get a monthly stipend of Tk 175 and Tk 1,600 at a time for purchasing books and bearing examination fees.

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Students from other groups would receive Tk 125 each as monthly stipend alongside one-time allocation of Tk 1,200 for the same purpose.

A candidate will have to fulfil three criteria to win the stipend. These are: the annual income of the parents must be below Tk 100,000, the amount of their land property should be less than 75 decimals and the student must have at least 75 percent class attendance.

The money will reach the students through bKash, a mobile money transfer provider, and electronic money transfer networks.

The EcneC meeting also okayed five other projects involving Tk 834 crore.