

Teachers' MPO to be cut for unfairmeans

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From this year teachers will face imprisonment and their Monthly Pay Order (MPO) will be curtailed if they assist students in adopting unfairmeans during the public examinations. A gathering of teachers was told on Tuesday.

To check mass copying in the public examinations, the Ministry of Education last year also warned the teachers of cancelling their MPOs if they were found assisting examinees in the examination halls. However, nearly 800 teachers, expelled during last year's SSC and HSC examinations, were finally reprieved as they were given a chance to be corrected.

As the Public Examination (Offences) Act 1980 will be enforced from this year, the students will not only face expulsion, but also face imprisonment up to two years. Teachers who will get involved in corruption and irregularities will face five years imprisonment, as per the act.

Issuing a warning State Minister for Education ANM Ehsanul Hoque Milon said "we will cancel MPOs of the teachers, who will assist examinees in adopting unfairmeans or will involve in irregularities this year. And as long as I'll remain State Minister they will not get back their MPOs."

He was addressing a motivational programme organised for the heads of schools, colleges and madrasas of Khulna, Bagerhat and Satkhira district on Tuesday. Ministry of Education and Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education, Jessore jointly arranged the programme on Shaheed Smriti Degree College campus at Bagerhat to motivate all concerned including teachers so that they strictly resist copying in the ensuring SSC and HSC examinations.

He, however, assured the teachers that the MPO of any educational institutions would not be cancelled if the percentage of pass of any school, college or madrasa was even only 0. Earlier, it was necessary to pass at least 44 per cent of the students of such institutions otherwise the Government

used to cancel their MPO.

Terming copying as a deadly disease Milon said that they had announced 'Zehad' against the copying and vowed to eliminate such disease from the society at any cost.

He said that the trend of copying started in the country after 1972 and many teachers who passed during the time by adopting unfairmeans in the examinations are now indifferent to stop copying.

Ehsanul Hoque Milon compare copying with snowball and said the copying is decking the whole society. He urged the teachers to resist adoption of unfairmeans a without any scare. "If there is any threat to you please tell me. I'll take action and if I fail I'll resign," he said.

Chaired by Chairman of Jessore Board ABM Abdus Sattar, the function was also addressed, among others, by Local MP MAH Selim, The Vice-Chancellor and Treasurer of Khulna University and DCs and SPs of Khulna, Bagerhat and Satkhira.