

Teachers continue using mobile in classrooms

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MOST of the schoolteachers continue to use mobiles inside classrooms in breach of a government instruction for not to do so, a government investigation found.

Amid widespread allegations of classroom teaching being hampered, the education and the primary and mass education ministry in 2009 instructed teachers not to use mobiles inside classrooms.

There are nearly 10 crore mobile users in Bangladesh. The number of schoolchildren is about 3 crore in more

than one lakh schools.

Our field officials in their reports said that a large number of teachers are found to have been using mobile phones inside classrooms. The headmasters have been asked to take action against the teachers. Sajal Kanti Mandal, director (secondary) of the secondary and higher education directorate said.

Sajal Kanti said, 'Members on the school managing committees have been asked to go tough against the teachers of non-government schools.'

Notices were issued to at least 12 teachers of Dhaka,

Narayanganj, Chuadanga and Manikganj in June using mobiles in classrooms, he said.

'Some teachers have been warned. Some have been rebuked,' said Shahidul Islam, upazila secondary education official at Mirzapur in Tangail.

Majibur Rahman, a member on the management committee of the Ideal School and College at Mitijheel in Dhaka said that they were very much careful about mobile use inside classrooms.

'At least four teachers have been asked to explain their stand in using mobile in classrooms in six months,' he said.