

No student comes out successful in '07

Show cause notices on 29 educational institutions in Bhola

From Our Correspondent

BHOLA, May 4:—The show-cause notices were served on 29 educational institutions of Charfesson upazila of Bhola district for not passing a minimum number of students in the last SSC and Dhakil Examinations held under the Barisal Education Board in 2007.

According to the letter No. 13 A-B-504/2007/1258, the Monthly Pay Order (MPO) and even academic recognition of the institutions would have been cancelled because minimum 5 examinees were not able to secure pass marks in each of the institutions.

According to the Manpower Act-1995, at least 26 candidates would have to sit for Secondary Certificate Examinations from each institution (School or Madrasha) of whom a minimum of five students would have to

pass for entitling to government grant MPO or other benefits.

Subsequently, the Ministry of Education has decided to cancel the MPO of the institutions of the Upazila. Earlier the MPO of two institutions, is has been postponed.

Irregularities in tender alleged

A syndicate of contractors has allegedly negotiated a tender bid of Tk 40 lakhs of Primary Education Development Project-2 under Barhanuddin Upazila of the district.

The upazila Engineer has bid the PEDP-2 project of TK. 40 lakh financed by ADB, IDB, DFID, EU, NORAD, Netherlands, Canada, MIDA together with the Government of Bangladesh on

December 26 last, to supply school furniture, building teachers' room and toilets and to sink deep tube-wells.

The syndicate led by a local Chhatra Dal workers have allegedly managed other contractors of the upazila at a secret meeting held at Shahajada's at night on January 23 to realize the bid. Tk 45000/- has been allocated against each participant while Tk. 50,000/- for the concerned office and Tk. 70,000/- to get he work order, is further alleged. Subsequently the 6-groups submitted 4 to 5 tender-bid each on January 24 last, it is alleged. The minimum rate caused a huge loss of Revenue to the Govt.

Meanwhile Nazrul Islam, the UNO and Chairman of Upazila Tender Committee expressed his dissatisfaction over the tender ne-

gotiation proceedings and recalled the file, it is learnt.

The contractors of the upazila demanded transparency and re-bid of the projected tender.

Teacher not getting salary for 30 months

An English teacher Burhanuddin Women's Degree College could not draw his salary and other dues for 30 months. Causing great sufferings to his family.

An investigation has been conducted on October 31, 2007 from the Ministry of Education. Burhanuddin Women's Degree College and irregularities have been detected but no action has been taken in this respect.