

ADMISSION FEE

3 schools given 15 days to refund extra money

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THE government on Sunday asked authorities of three educational institutions in the capital to refund the amount of money they took from students on the amount set by the government in 2011 in a fortnight.

The institutions are Viqarunnisa Noon School and College, Motijheel Ideal School and College and Manipur School and College.

'We will take action if

the three institutions do not refund the money they charged beyond the amount set by the government for admission in 2011 in a fortnight,' the education secretary, Kamal Abdul Naser Chowdhury, told reporters at the secretariat after a meeting that examined the policy to be followed for enrolling students on non-government educational institutions at the primary, secondary and higher secondary levels.

The meeting discussed the introduction of a 2 per cent quota for members of the parliament so that they could have a say in student admission to non-government educational institutions.

It also discussed the introduction of a 2 per cent quota for Bangladeshi expatriates and a 1 per cent quota for children of people working with education boards and the secondary and higher education directorate.

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The secretary said that a government notification would be issued today after discussing the proposed quota system with the education minister.

The meeting was attended, among others, by principals of the three schools that took extra money from students during admission in 2011 but did not refund the money despite notices being issued to them repeatedly by the ministry.

The education minister, Nurul Islam Nahid, on July 2 in the parliament said that registrations would be cancelled if educational institutions that had charged more than the amount set by the government for admission did not refund the money to the students in a month.

According to an education ministry report, Manipur School realised more than Tk 52.3 million, Motijheel Ideal School more than Tk 33.9 million and Viqar-

unnisa Noon School more than Tk 6.8 million illegally in admissions fee by forcing students pay more than the amount set by the government.

'Prices of admission forms will be set in the range of Tk 150-Tk 200,' the secretary said. In 2011, the price was Tk 100.

The maximum admission fee for students studying in Bangla and English mediums were set at Tk 8,000 and Tk 10,000.