

Pry exam question papers leaked in some areas

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Primary and Mass Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid yesterday said they have information that the question papers of the ongoing primary terminal examinations have been leaked in some areas.

"Apart from media reports, we have heard about the question paper leak. We are embarrassed and shocked. The question papers were leaked in a few areas," he said while briefing reporters at the secretariat about the alleged leak of question papers.

Guardians in Dhaka and other areas complained that the question papers were leaked in and outside Dhaka on the very first day of the terminal examinations, 2013 began on November 20. More than 29 lakh class V students from schools and madrasas are sitting for the exams.

On November 23, the ministry formed a probe committee to investigate the allegation and submit its report within 15 working days.

Nahid said if the probe committee finds proof of any leak of the question papers, stern action will be taken against the people involved in it.

About the cancellation of the exams, he said the probe report will suggest what measures will have to be taken in this regard.

The minister said they have collected information from all the divisional commissioners, deputy commissioners and district education officers about the allegation of question paper leak in their areas.

"Many districts even did not know about the question

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leaks," said Nahid, also the education minister.

He said a quarter has started business by selling model question papers prepared on the basis of suggestions of past few years. "Some of the questions even got matched with the real question paper," Nahid said.