

40PC SCHOOL SEAT RESERVATION

Catchment areas to be drawn today

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THE Secondary and Higher Education Directorate officials would meet the headmasters of all the 35 government schools in the capital to draw the school catchment areas.

The exercise became necessary following a recent government decision to keep 40 per cent school seats reserved for the students of each school zone.

The officials would later meet the headmasters of 40 non government schools to discuss the issue of fixing the catchment areas.

They said that they would also discuss the issue of introduction of online admission by private schools.

In the first week of the current month, the Education Ministry issued two separate guidelines requiring both government and private schools in the capi-

tal to enroll 40 per cent students from the school zone.

The education ministry also directed the DSHE to draw the catchment areas for the government schools in the capital.

It requested the private schools to work out their catchment areas.

DSHE officials would hold the meeting with the headmasters of all the 35 government schools in the morning.

They would meet the headmasters of 40 prized private schools in the afternoon, said DSHE deputy director (secondary) AKM Mostfa Kamal.

He said that efforts would be made to draw the catchment areas for the government schools at the meeting with the headmasters.

Officials said that the capital would be split into several school zones.

They said that 40 per cent

of seats of each school would be reserved for students living in the school zone.

Government schools will begin distribution of admission forms in the first week of December, said officials.

Admission into Class I in government as well as private schools would take place through lottery, they said.

Students seeking admission in Class II and III would be required to face 50-mark written tests.

Admission in Classes IV to VIII would be held through written tests of 100 marks.

Admission in Class IX would depend on the results of Junior School Certificate and Junior Dakhil Certificate exams.

The government schools in the capital, other metropolitan cities and the district towns have been asked to introduce online admissions.

Out of 404 private secondary schools in the capital, 23 are at Mohammadpur, 17 at Dhanmondi, 28 at Pallabi, 13 at Shah Ali, 22 at Mirpur, 19 at Shyampur, 25 at Uttora, 26 in the cantonment, 11 at Badda, 22 at Gulshan, 30 at Banani, 18 at Kafri, 42 at Kotwali, 23 at Demra, and 37 at Motijheel, said district education officer Harun or Rashid.

The capital's 167 private schools, accounting for 42 per cent, are in five areas: Kotwali, Sutrapur, Lalbagh, Demra and Motijheel.

And out of, the capital's 35 government run secondary school only 12 are in the Old Town.

Not a single government school is there for the students living at Badda, Baridhara, Banani, Gulshan, Moghbazar, Malibagh, Rampura, Pallabi, Paltan and Shahbagh and several other densely populated localities.