

No 'auto-pass' or exam cancellation under mob pressure: Education Minister Milon

Says teachers' demands to be addressed through proper channels

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Education Minister ANM Ehsanul Hoque Milon today criticised past attempts to cancel school and college examinations in the face of mob pressure and ruled out granting “auto pass,” emphasising that teachers must stay in classrooms instead of taking part in political agitation.

“Many things have happened in the past which should not have happened. Cancelling exams in the face of mob, giving auto pass -- these were never desirable,” Milon said at a press conference at the Education Ministry on his second day in office.



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He added that the government would not revisit “old stories” about why such decisions were taken, but would instead move forward in line with its election manifesto. “We will make the education system time-appropriate based on that vision and mission,” he said.

The minister also said the government is committed to ensuring the smooth conduct of the Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examinations. “Question papers have already been prepared, and discussions have been held to ensure smooth distribution and uninterrupted conduct of the exams,” he said.

Addressing teachers' participation in political activities during office hours, Milon said, "You will teach in the classroom. You cannot leave the classroom and engage in agitation."

He assured that teachers' demands would be addressed through proper channels. "Your demands will come in the way they come and we will address them. It is not that we are not addressing them. We will. But there is no need to occupy the streets to realise demands," he added.

Describing teachers as "the builders of people," Milon said the government stood by them but expected responsible behaviour. He also warned against corruption in the sector, calling the education ministry a "foundational ministry" where such practices must not occur.

On English-medium schools, he said, "English medium schools will be brought under government rules, and if any of them commit offences, they will be brought under punishment."

He also addressed concerns about unauthorised schools operating in unsafe premises. "You cannot run a school in a garage. We must ensure fire exits and security. These are our children."