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Zero-tolerance against cheating, question leaks in SSC exams: education minister

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Education minister ANM Ehsanul Haque Milon on Saturday said that the government had declared a zero-tolerance policy against question leaks and cheating in the upcoming SSC and equivalent examinations.

He said strict monitoring would be ensured at the field level to protect the sanctity of the examinations scheduled to begin on April 21.



The minister will also exchange views with officials of all education boards and others involved in the examination process to hold the exams fairly.

He made the remarks at an after-iftar discussion meeting with members of the Education Reporters Association, Bangladesh, at his official residence at Minto Road in Dhaka on Saturday.

Speaking about the examinations and security measures, the education minister said that the SSC examinations would begin simultaneously across the country on April 21.

‘Ensuring a cheating-free environment in the examinations is a major challenge for me. We have succeeded in the past and we will maintain that trend this time as well. Anyone attempting to leak questions using information technology will be dealt with strictly. I will personally visit the field to supervise overall security during the examinations,’ he said.

Hinting at the possibility of introducing a unified question paper nationwide instead of different sets, Milon said, ‘All students in the country should have the same standard or benchmark. If major competitive examinations around the world can be held with a unified question paper, it is also possible in our country. We are considering how this system can be introduced from next year.’

Describing the ministry as his ‘place of worship,’ Milon said, ‘Through a 180-day work plan of the government, I want to build a foundation that will have the impact of 180 years. My goal is to move forward steadily so that no wrong decisions are taken.’

He also said there are plans to introduce educational qualifications for the chairpersons of managing committees of educational institutions and to ensure transparency through a three-tier screening process involving the Upazila Nirbahi Officer, Deputy Commissioner, and the education boards.

Addressing controversy over the requirement of 18 years of experience for appointments, he said the adjustment was made to provide opportunities to teachers who had been deprived for political reasons during the past 15–17 years.

He also identified the revision of the new curriculum and textbooks for 2027 as one of his major missions.

Expressing dissatisfaction with the pace of work of ministry officials, the education minister said, 'I have told the officials to move away from conventional mindsets and complete their work quickly and efficiently. No one is here to pursue personal interests; they are here to work for the improvement of education.'

ERAB president Faruk Hossain, general secretary Solamain Salman, along with members of the organizations and journalists from different media outlets, were also present at the event.

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