

Govt plans SSC in January, HSC in June from 2027: minister

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Education minister ANM Ehsanul Haque Milon. | New Age photo

Education minister ANM Ehsanul Haque Milon informed Jatiya Sangsad on Tuesday that the government was planning to hold the Secondary School Certificate and equivalent examinations in January and the Higher Secondary Certificate and equivalent examinations in June from the 2027 academic year as part of efforts to realign the country's academic calendar.

Replying to a starred question from treasury bench lawmaker Lutfur Rahman of Cox's Bazar-3 during the day's question-and-answer session in the Jatiya

Sangsad, the minister said that the government had taken the initiative to make the academic year more compatible with international standards by rescheduling public examinations.

He said that the planned changes would help reduce the loss of academic time, bring greater consistency between the academic calendar and public examinations and gradually enable examinations to be completed earlier.

The minister also informed JS that the government was planning to establish separate permanent public examination centres to minimise disruption to regular academic activities during examination periods.

He said that educational institutions currently remained closed for extended periods while public examinations were held, affecting classroom teaching and learning.

The minister said that a feasibility study for the proposed project was awaiting approval and that, once approved, the government would implement development projects in phases to construct permanent examination centres across the country in line with the study's recommendations.

According to the minister, the proposed centres would allow educational institutions to continue regular classes during public examinations, improve examination management and contribute to the overall quality of education by ensuring uninterrupted teaching activities.

Replying to another question from lawmaker Khairul Kabir Khokon, education minister said that promotions to vacant primary school head teacher posts would begin soon after the disposal of a related writ petition by the High Court.

The minister said that the revised recruitment rules provided for 80 per cent of head teacher posts to be filled through promotion, compared with 65 per cent under the previous rules.

He said that the promotion process had remained suspended because of the legal proceedings and would now resume under the updated recruitment policy, helping fill more than 34,000 vacant head teacher posts.

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