

HSC exams missed for inclement weather to be retaken: minister

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Education minister ANM Ehsanul Haque Milon. | File photo

Education minister ANM Ehsanul Haque Milon on Wednesday said that students were unable to sit for the ongoing Higher Secondary Certificate and equivalent examinations in Dhaka and other districts due to heavy rainfall and adverse weather would be allowed to take the examinations on the dates fixed for the postponed examinations in five districts under the Chattogram Education Board.

Making the announcement under Rule 300 in the Jatiya Sangsad, the education minister said the affected students would sit for the examinations using the same question papers as those scheduled for the postponed examinations in Chattogram, Cox's Bazar, Khagrachhari, Rangamati and Bandarban.

He said a total of 1,270,583 candidates were taking part in the ongoing HSC and equivalent examinations at 2,697 centres across Bangladesh.

The minister said examinations in the five districts under the Chattogram Education Board had been postponed because of heavy rainfall and adverse weather, while some candidates in other districts had also failed to appear at their scheduled examinations due to inclement weather and other unavoidable circumstances.

He said candidates who were unable to sit for any paper of the HSC and equivalent examinations because of the adverse weather or other unavoidable reasons would be allowed to take the missed examinations on the date fixed by the education ministry for the corresponding postponed examination under the Chattogram Education Board, using the identical question paper.

‘As the HSC examination is a crucial stage in the lives of students, this special opportunity has been provided on humanitarian grounds,’ the minister said.

He also said officials responsible for the errors in the Physics first paper question had already been suspended temporarily.

The minister reiterated that candidates would be awarded full marks for questions 6 and 7 of the Physics first paper, where errors had been detected.

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