

## **The Telegraph**

### **80 apply for 175 posts- College principals post**

The state college service commission has extended the deadline for college teachers to apply for the job of principals by 15 days.

The commission took the decision after noticing that the number of applicants was half the number of vacancies. The commission received 80 applications for 175 vacancies.

In the absence of a principal, the senior-most teacher is in charge of a college.

The commission had issued a notice on October 13 seeking applications from college teachers for the vacant principal posts. Wednesday was the last date for teachers to apply online. The process had started on October 16.

The revised deadline is November 30 midnight.

The government had recruited college principals for the last time in 2015. College teachers were reluctant to take up the job even then, a commission official said.

The commission had held a test to fill up 177 vacant posts but only 66 were appointed.

Teachers didn't apply possibly because they didn't find the job attractive for various reasons, the principal of a south Calcutta college said.

Campus violence that is often targeted at principals is one of the reasons, he said. "Also, there is little difference in the pay scale of principals and senior teachers."

The government had recently introduced car and telephone allowance for principals but made it clear colleges would have to bear the additional cost from their funds.

At least 150 state-aided colleges have forgone the incentive citing funds crunch. "The reluctance of teachers to apply for the principals' job shows

it has had no effect because of the government's refusal to provide funds," the principal of another college said.

Commission chairman Dipak Kar didn't take Metro's calls.