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Text-book crisis still persists in Sylhet

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SYLHET, Jan 27:-No substantial development took place till date in procuring text-books for secondary school students throughout Sylhet Division where only 15 per cent students hardly procured their text-books. According to official figure, about 3.5 lakh students have been studying about 940 high schools and junior high schools in Sylhet Division. Text-books started arriving at Sylhet Libraries since January 21 and according to them, total 14 text-books out of 60 ones

have been available here. However, Libraries have experienced heavy crowd but inadequate supply of text-books angered both the students and their guardians. It has been learnt that English text-book named English For Today of Class IX and X has a change only in the cover page keeping everything intact in comparison with the one printed last year, sold Tk 32.22 each. This year, the same book with only change in the cover and adding one chapter at page 14 has (See Page 16 Col. 2)

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been selling to the students.

The situation has become worse in Sadar upazilas in Sylhet Division. Students are compelled to buy books with sub-standard notebooks. Meanwhile various students' organisations criticised the government, the Ministry of Education in particular for their massive failure in publishing and supplying text-books among the students who have lost nearly one month of their academic session.