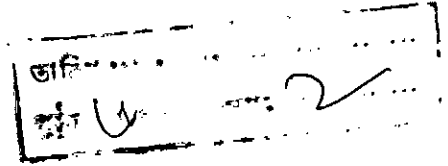


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Text book crisis hampers new academic session new Khulna pry schools

KHULNA Jan 9:— Authorities of the government primary schools in the district could not begin the new academic session yet due to lack of textbooks, says UNB.

According to the district Primary Education Office, a total of 1.35 lakh students are enrolled in 621 government schools in the district and 30,000 students in 94 schools in the city.

The source also said that it could not be possible to distribute new books to the students within January 16, as per the promise of the concerned authorities.

As the officials also could not inform them when the books will be supplied, the school management have started teaching with the old ones which are also quite inadequate, it added.

Another source in the Primary Education Department said that there is a demand of 7,27,482 new

textbooks for the primary students.

It also said of the total demand, only a consignment of 26,000 English textbooks for class one students was reached here before Eid-ul-Fitr. But, no more consignment has yet been reached.

A headmaster of a school in the town told UNB that the students were asked twice to take the new books from the schools as per the instruction of the education office, but they did not receive the books.

The academic session in last year also had begun in March in the district, as the books could not be supplied within the stipulated time.

An official of the Primary Education Office said that this year's academic session would begin with 50 percent old books if the new ones were not supplied within the current month.