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Text-books not yet available: Guardians worried

## Education of school students being hampered

From Our Correspondent

FENI, Jan. 16:—The primary education in the district is being hampered as the school authorities could not procure text-books to be supplied the students although the new academic session began.

According to District Primary Education office, a total of 1,99,607 students have been enrolled in 567 primary schools of the district, of which 408 are govt. 73 non-government, 43 satellite and 43 community primary schools.

The number of class-wise students in these primary schools are 43,000 in Class I, 40,000 in Class II, 39,000 in Class III, 37,607 in Class IV and 40,000 in Class V.

The source further said that a total of 6,03,557 text book will be required for the students but the authority supplied 18000 mathematics books for Class III out of the requirement of 19,567 books. They said that it could not be possible to distribute new books among the students as they did not get the required number of books from the concerned authorities.

The school authorities have started new session with the old books which are also not adequate.

An officials of the Primary Education office said that this year academic session would begin with 50 per cent old books if the new ones are not supplied within the current month.

It is alleged that due to delay in the supply of text books the number of drop-out in different primary schools may be increased in course of time.

### Mymensingh

Our Mymensingh Correspondent reports: The Primary and

Secondary Education in all the 12 upazilas of Mymensingh district is being hampered for want of text books.

Some school authorities are conducting classes with the old books which are not available in the markets. The guardians are purchasing old books from the students who were promoted to the upper classes.

Many of the important pages of the old books have been found missing due to careless use by students. Some students are using the photostat copies of the old books.

Dr. Shamsul Alam of Barabaria village and Gafargaon Upazila of the district is among the guardians

who collected some old books for his two children.

Many school authorities of the district also ask their students to buy old books which are also not available.

The District Education office approached the National Curriculum and Text Book Board and other departments for the supply of books.

When contacted the Headmasters of some high schools under Sadar Upazila where the classes are being run with old books, can not say whether these books would be changed or not.

The teachers of some schools complained that they had to face a lot of quarries about the availability of the Text-Books.