

## School exam being held with readymade questions

# Text-books yet to reach students, probe into delay in delivery demanded

From Our Correspondent

MEHERUR, Jan 22:-The terminal and the final examinations in the government and the non-govt junior high schools and high schools of the district are being held with the readymade question papers purchased from Question Papers' Syndicate.

It is learnt that a section of question paper setters is doing brisk business by setting ready-made question papers to the different educational institutions.

Due to high price of paper and printing cost, the educational institutions can not print question papers for the tests, some teachers said.

Mrs Badrun Nahar, Headmistress of Meherpur Girls High School admitted that they used to purchase readymade question papers at a cheaper price from the guild as they can not print the same with examination fees realised by them from the students.

Sirajul Haque, Assistant Headmaster of Amjhupi High School under Sadar upazila told this correspondent that it would be possible to print question papers with the realized examination fees but a considerable amount fee money is being utilised for the welfare of the teachers. The government schools of the district have adopted the practice.

The readymade question papers are of poor standard and are full of mistakes. The standard of education in almost all the schools of the district has fallen to a great extent, resulting in poor results in these schools in public examinations, the readymade question papers are one of many causes of

poor result, in the public examination

### Magura

Our Magura correspondent reports: The primary education in the district is being hampered due to non-availability of the text-books. The new academic session has already begun in the country but the authority concerned could not supply the text-books of the

179 are registered primary schools.

The source further said that a total of 3,49,924 text-books are required for the students in the district but the authority supplied only 32,453 pieces of English and 32,453 pieces of Bangla books for the students of Class I till January 16. No other text-books have been supplied.

When contacted, the school authorities said that they have already started the new session according to the instruction of the higher authority. Finding no new text-books they have started the classes with the old ones which are also not adequate.

It is apprehended that this year academic session would begin with 50 per cent old books if the

of the pages of the old books have been found torn or missing due to carelessness and constant use. Some students use photostat copies of the old books.

Abdul Bilayet Hossain of Paikel village under Sadar upazila who collected some old and some photostat copies of the text-books.

The teachers of some of the schools said that they had to face a lot of queries from the people about the non-availability of the text-books everyday.

### Photostat copies

For want of text-books the number of drop-outs in different primary schools has increased. The rate of drop-outs in the primary schools of the district is 19 per cent. The figure may not be reduced in the near future, it is feared.

In order to check the drop-outs the government have launched 'Food for Education' in the district as well as in the country.

In Sadar, three unions are implementing the programme. These are: Raghobdair, Kuchimora and Bogia Unions.

In Raghobdair union 18 schools are under the food for education programme, in Kuchimora 18 and in Bogia 14 schools.

In Shalikha upazila, three Arpara, Talkhori and Gangarampur are brought under the programmes, 14 schools in Arpara union, 20 in Talkhori and 13 in Gangarampur union are selected for the food for education programmes.

In Muhammadpur upazila-

Rajpur, Muhammadpur and Nohata union have been chosen 10 schools in Rajapur, 15 schools in Muhammadpur and 14 schools in Nohata union.

In Sreepur upazila Goaspur and Sreekhol unions have been brought under the programme, 11 schools in Goaspur and 12 schools in Sreekhol union.

Under the food for education programme 30 kg of wheat or rice have been allotted for each student per month. But the drop-out rate remains steady, it is gathered.

### Narayanganj

Our Narayanganj correspondent adds: The District Samajtantrik Chhatra Front gheraoed the office of the Deputy Commissioner demanding the trial of the criminals behind the text-book scandal on Sunday morning.

In a meeting held near the DC office the speakers said that the last date of distributing text-books was fixed at December 21 but even on January 21 the books could not be supplied to the schools.

A section of corrupted employees of Text-book Board has given the work to Beximco Ltd in exchange of bribe, it is alleged.

The meeting was presided over by President of district unit of Chhatra Front Abu Naim Khan Biplob.

The student leaders submitted memorandum to DC demanding the urgent delivery of text-book and trial of corrupted employees and Beximco who are behind the scandal.



THAKURGAON: Shatish Chandra Roy, State Minister for Primary and Mass Education speaking at a workshop on "Production of Biogas and organic fertilizer for maintaining the balance of environment" held at Jagannathpur.

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different classes of schools across the country.

According to the District Primary Education office, a total of 1,24,927 students has been enrolled in 446 primary schools of the district of which 267 govt and

The district primary education office opined that it would not be possible to supply new books to the students as they could not get the required number of books from the concerned authorities within the stipulated time.

new books are not supplied during the current month.

The guardians are compelled to purchase old books for their wards from the students who are promoted to upper classes.

It may be mentioned here that