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## Book supply delayed Country-wide Pry Edn likely to face setback

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number of reasons insufficient supply of papers, repeated hartals called by Opposition political parties, the sources said.

Education Minister ASHK Sadique formally started distribution of textbooks among the primary school students at a simple function held at Manikganj on January 4. At the book distribution ceremony the minister expressed his hope that books would be distributed among all the primary school students within February. According to a reliable source, publication and distribution of books would not be completed by March. He further apprehended if the production and supply of papers are affected seriously due to hartal then more time might be required to complete distribution of all books.

A source in the Ministry of

Education said the causes of the unexpected delay are the complexities in publication and distribution of the books. He also said that it took much time in giving order to the publishing houses after complying with the prescriptions set on by the World Bank.

About 8000 tons of papers are required to publish the 5.5 crore textbooks for the primary school students. Of the total required papers Hindustan Paper Mills in Asham, India has so far distributed 4000 and 100 tons of papers while 2000 and 800 tons of papers have been made available from Karnafuli Paper Mills in Chittagong. Besides, about 400 tons of papers are still stored in the Karnafuli Paper mills.

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Development Bank are financing for the papers required for the publishing of the 5.5 crore textbooks while Bangladesh Government would bear the expenditure for printing, binding and transportation.