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BRTC fails to supply books of pry-schools on time

Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, Dec. 29:—The distribution of primary level Textbooks by the Director General of Primary Education may not be completed within the month of December, this year due to the failure of Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation to keep its commitment to transport the books in the scheduled period.

It was agreed earlier that the Transport Corporation will arrange at least 20 trucks daily to lift the books to different destinations in 64 districts of the country. The BRTC Management, however, argued that the delay

in timely transportation of the books was not due to their arrangement, rather to the periodic dislocation in communications due to the present unfavourable situation prevailing in the country. The Corporation also contends that the delay could be made up as it was in a position to deploy 20 trucks instead of 12 trucks which it had fielded earlier.

The Director General, Primary Education has incurred a cost of Tk. 27 crore to print the Primary Level Text Books this time against Tk. 25 crore spent last year to print 1.23 crore sets of books. Besides, the authority has included one thousand more primary schools this year as part of the Government's recent efforts to implement a programme of universal free primary education by 1990.

Meanwhile, a spokesman of the Director General, Primary Education

told this correspondent that about 70 per cent of the primary level books have already been transported Dhaka to the upazilas for free distribution among the primary students.

He said that there was no possibility of leakage of Primary Level Books into the open market as it was within the capacity of the Director General, Primary Education to send the books to the beneficiaries within the stipulated period.

10 kg tumour removed

Dr. Shyama Pada Paul, Consultant, Satkhira Modernised Hospital operated upon Rakhita Begum (40) and removed a 10 kg tumour from her abdomen at Satkhira Hospital recently.

Earlier Rakhita Begum was admitted into the hospital under the care of Dr. Shyama Pada Paul. He found a rare tumour. It was covered by huge amount of mucinous substance.

Dr. Paul preserved the sample in the hospital.