

## Text book for Class VIII sale inaugurated

Former Prime Minister Shah Azizur Rahman formally inaugurated the book selling of Text Book Board for the students of Class VIII at a function in Dacca on Thursday morning at Lalkuthi auditorium, reports BSS.

Organised by the Bangladesh Book Publishers and Sellers Association the function was addressed, among others by Mr. Nur Mohammad Khan former State Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Mr. Jahangir Mohammad Adel, MP and President of the association presided over the function.

Speaking on the occasion the former Prime Minister asked the book publishers and sellers to perform their responsibility with utmost sincerity and honesty.

He said text books for the students should be made available in time so that they did not suffer from scarcity of books.

Shah Aziz pointed out that the government had enacted laws for banning publication of note books.

The former Prime Minister said that in the past the guardians had to buy books for their children in black market.

He asked the publishers not to publish any note book which was an offence under law.

Shah Aziz told the members of the association that this time the government had permitted them to print books of the Text Book Board as well as to sell them "but if you can maintain the trust you will also be given the responsibility of preparing the text books in the future," he said.

He reminded the association to ensure fair prices of the books.

Mr. Nur Mohammad Khan said that in the past the traders associated in book publications were always neglected and that this was the first time when the government itself had taken initiative to publish text books through private publishers.

Describing the book publishing business as a noble one the former State Minister said the publishers should always take care of reaching the books to the students by December.

Mr. Khan said that since the profit rate was very little in publication business many did not want to come in this trade.

He stressed the need for removing the problems of publishers to promote the publication business in the country.