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## Scarcity of books hits agricultural education

GAIBANDHA, Nov. 13:—The Agricultural education in secondary schools in the district is being hampered due to non-availability of books, reports UNB.

According to local guardians, books on agriculture are not available since the beginning of the current academic year. They said after the lapse of ten months, the books are yet to be available in the markets although the government has made the subject compulsory for the secondary students.

Students of class six to nine are in a fix as they are to appear at their final examinations soon.

Local guardians, students and teachers have urged the concerned authorities to take immediate steps to make the books available in the markets.

### Scheme for potato cultivation

UNB from Kishoreganj, adds:—A massive scheme has been taken up for wheat and potato cultivation in seven district under Comilla Agriculture Zone during the current rabi season.

According to Agriculture Extension Department sources, 52,500 hectares of land have been brought under wheat cultivation while 25,100 hectares under potato cultivation.

The districts are Comilla, Brahmanbaria, Chandpur, Sylhet, Moulvibazar, Habiganj and Sunamganj.

The production target of wheat has been fixed at 1.05 lakh tons and potato at 2.76 lakh tons.

For the successful implementation of the scheme, Bangladesh Krishi Bank and other commercial banks

will provide necessary loans to the growers.

Bangladesh Agricultural Development Corporation will supply high yielding variety seeds, fertilizers, pesticides and other necessary inputs to the growers.

Meanwhile, Agri Extension Department has set up several demonstration plots to acquaint the farmers with the modern methods of cultivation.