

# Supply of text books normal

By A Staff Reporter

State Minister for Education Mr Abdul Baten told the Jatiya Sangsad on Wednesday that the supply of text books for school students was now normal.

Replying to a call attention notice by Mr A.S.M. Solaiman, he said that supply of some text books of classes III and VI was interrupted due to the strike of a section of employees. He said that the problem was now over.

In his notice Mr Solaiman said that there had been a serious crisis in the education system due to the paucity of text books all over the country. He said that although the Text Book Board had appointed new agents for the distribution of books, the situation did not improve. Text books published by the board were being sold in the black markets, he said.

Replying to the accusation, Mr Abdul Baten said that the government had taken certain measures so that the text books were sold at fair prices. He said that new agents were

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appointed and old agencies were renewed after adequate scrutiny with due recommendations by members of parliament, local administration and officials of the education department.

Mr Baten said that his ministry had received certain suggestions from the members of the public regarding the distribution procedure of text books. He said that there was a suggestion that the text book agents be tagged with local schools so that the books could be made available to the students directly. He said that the suggestions would be considered in future.