

Nine lakh sets of school uniform for pry students

By A Staff Reporter

The government is going to supply this year nine lakh sets of school uniform to 30 per cent of girl students of primary schools who are reading in Class I.

According to an official source four and a half lakh girl students will receive two sets of uniform each at a total cost of Taka 4.5 crore during the year.

Each set of uniform will comprise one frock and one panty. The colour of the uniform will be light blue with four per cent shade.

The uniform will be manufactured centrally in Dacca and later sent to subdivisional primary education authorities for distribution among students through the respective school managing committees.

The distribution of nine lakh uniform sets will be completed by June 30.

The Directorate of Primary and mass education has already invited tenders from bonafide garment manufacturers for fabrication of the uniform. Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation will supply the cloth under an agreement with the directorate.

An official source told Times that 17 lakh yards of cloth will be needed for supply of school uniform this year. The uniform will be of two sizes—24 inches and 26 inches respectively.

Last year the Directorate had

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allocated over Taka 3.85 crore in favour of the thana education officers all over the country to manufacture and supply 7,09,090 sets of uniform to 30 per cent girl students of class I.

Official sources, however, have it that the directorate is yet to get the reports from the Thana Education Officers if they had supplied uniform in 1981. Reports also have it that most Thana Education Officers failed to supply uniform because of non-availability of specified quality cloth.

Asked how the Directorate made estimates about the number of students reading in class I, the source said it was based on planning commission statistics and reports sent by Thana Education Officers.

As to the question why the subdivisional primary education authorities were not entrusted with the task of supplying uniform to girl students last year, he said those authorities were not constituted when the money was distributed that year.

The source said that the directorate would supply uniform to 30 per cent girl students of classes I and III next year (1983), and gradually 30 per cent of all girls reading in primary schools from classes I to V would be given school uniform by 1985.

Asked what was the mode of selection of the 30 per cent girl students reading in class I who are going to get uniform, the source said, the school managing committees would make the selection. Preference would be given to girls from needy families, he said.

He said that each girl students would get two sets of uniform for use in two years. Subsequently they would be supplied uniform again.