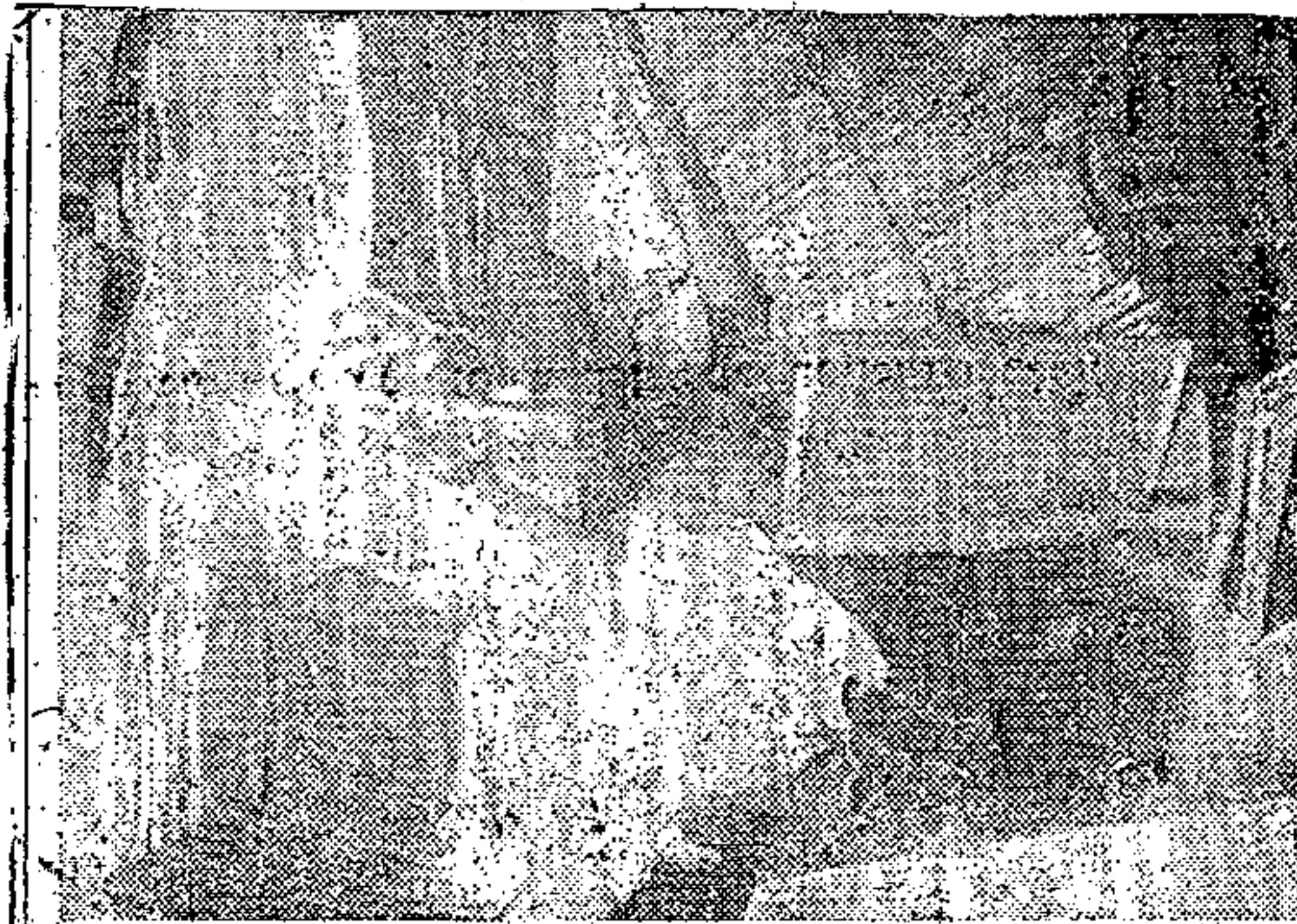




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A large number of primary text books lying at Belkuchi upazila education office godown awaiting auction.

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Huge pty books not distributed

Our Correspondent

SERAJGANJ, Jan 8 : A large number of primary books meant for free distribution among primary students have been lying unutilized in different godowns of upazila education offices.

It is learnt that the government every year supplies huge primary books in different upazilas in accordance with the requisition of upazila-level education departments. It is alleged that the relevant departments do not distribute these books properly, as a result of which many books remain unutilized.

While visiting a godown of Belkuchi Education Office, this Correspondent found that more than 10,000 primary text books have been there for years together. These books are learnt to have been sold in auction.

A source of the said Education office said the books were stockpiled in the godown during the period from 1982 to 1988. The books will be sold in auction after getting approval of the higher authority, the sources added.

Meanwhile, a large number of primary books are being sold in the open market. A teacher of Uttar Saratia Government Primary School was caught red-handed by local people when he was selling some books in the market. He was later released after paying Tk 1000 as fine.