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# Pry. students to get free books

The Directorate of Public Instruction (DPI) will start from the next week distribution of text books and uniform to students of Government Primary Schools free of cost under the Universal Primary Education Programme, official sources disclosed in Dacca on Wednesday says ENA.

Of the total about 22,87,974 students of Class I of the Government Primary schools 50 per cent of them i.e. 11,43,987 will get one set of books each. About 6,77,420 sets of uniforms will also be distributed among 3,38,709 girl students who constitute 30 per cent of the girl students of Class One. Each girl will receive two sets of uniform.

The distribution of books and uniform will be made among students of more than 36 thousand Government Primary schools according to lists prepared by the Headmasters and

Headmistresses of the respective schools with recommendations of the School Managing Committees.

Meanwhile, the budget of the Universal Primary Education Programme for the current financial year has been slashed to Tk. 9,80,50,000 from the original budget estimate of Taka 17 crore 86 lakh.

The Universal Primary Education Programme is included in the Second Five Year Plan. The original size of the programme was Taka 415 crore which was later revised to Taka 369 crore.