

Report on scarcity of text book denied

The Chairman of the Bangladesh School Text Book Board, Dr. Md. Serajuddin on Tuesday denied the recent Press report that there was scarcity of text books for Class IV.

Talking to ENA Dr. Serajuddin said that text books for all classes were being allotted to the appointed agents or dealers of the Board for distribution among the students.

He also said Board has a stock of adequate number of books.

He said dealers of school text books in metropolis and district headquarters have been asked to take delivery of 400 sets of books for Class I and II instead of 200 sets normally allotted to them, but he said they refused to accept the quota. The Board has taken the decision to ensure adequate supply of books to the students.

The Chairman said that first round of distribution of books to the dealers has already been completed and the second round started from January 15 last. In the meantime, supply of newly selected English, Bengali and Mathematic books for Class VI has begun on Tuesday for distribution among the dealers from the Board's distribution centres at Rankin Street and Maghbazar.

Asked about an allegation that text books are available in city's footpath Dr. Serajuddin replied in the negative and said "we normally supply our books to our appointed dealers and they are not footpath book sellers."

The Chairman demanded the crisis of books this year unlike previous year and said that unscrupulous businessmen were trying to create artificial shortage in the market.