

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Text books and the Board

Most of the school text books, especially of lower classes (upto class VI) are not yet available in the market although classes and teaching are going on at full swing in many schools. As per reports of some of the book sellers, these text books are likely to be supplied in mid-February or at the end of the said month. But it is difficult to say when the books will be actually

available.

The worry of the guardians is not hard to imagine. The difficulties that are being faced by little children in their schools for want of books are not slight. This problem is not a peculiar development of this year only. Irregular, insufficient and untimely supply of school text books have been a regular thing for the last several years. At times some of the school text books are available in the market not before the 1st quarterly examinations of the schools. How little children can carry on their studies under such

a situation? But who will answer this question?

Everybody knows that there is a Text Book Board the main task of which we feel is to supply quality text books to the school children in time, adequately and cheap with a view to keeping school education free from the grips or undesirable control of dishonest and illegal profit mongering private book traders.

We do not know what this Board does throughout the year. There is every reason to believe that it becomes active only at the end (may be from October) and,

therefore, fail to supply the books in time.

Whatever might be the causes, young children as well as school education in general cannot be allowed to suffer for the inefficiency, dishonesty and lethargy of the authority vested with a great responsibility and, therefore, all that are needful should be done as quickly as possible before any serious national damage is caused to our education sector.

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