

## Printing, marketing of text books from Class VI to IX reviewed

A meeting of the Education Ministry on Sunday reviewed matters relating to printing and marketing of text books from Class VI to class IX for the year 1996, reports BSS.

The meeting at the conference room of the Ministry with Education Minister Barrister Rafiqul Islam Mia in the chair asked all publishers not to print note books and guide books and stop selling of those in the greater interest of the students.

• While discussing the problems in printing and marketing of text books from Class VI to Class IX under the revised syllabus, the meeting was informed that all books for Class VI to VIII have been printed and marketed. The compulsory books of Class IX have also been printed and will be marketed by April 7. The Text Book Publishing Samity representatives said that there were sufficient stock of books for all class and there was no reason of short supply of books in the markets.

The samity leaders said that the books of optional subjects of Class IX are under printing and would be ensured at fair prices in the market by April 15.

A six-member committee headed by Deputy Secretary (School) of the Education Ministry was formed in the meeting to monitor and supervise the activities for ensuring publication, marketing and availabil-

ity of all books within the stipulated time.

The publishers apprised the meeting that they were facing transportation problems of books to the country sides as well as procurement of paper from the paper mills due to present situations. The meeting called upon all quarters to help transportation of printing materials and marketing of text books.

It was also told in the meeting that the books published this year under revised syllabus are of high quality in comparison to those of the previous years. The books of this year were written in such a manner that the students would not require note books and guide books.