

Text books still not available

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Text books of Class VI and Class VII are still not available at least at the book shops at New Market despite the claim to the contrary by Mr. Ziauddin Ahmed Bablu, Deputy Minister of Education at the Press conference recently.

Guardians who went to New Market book shops even on Saturday for text board books of Class VI and Class VII returned home disappointed.

The shop owners are still not aware when the books will be available. Some shop owners who preferred to remain unnamed for obvious reasons complained of bungling both at the Text Book Board level and at the distributors level.

While the students and the guardians feel harassed some of the schools in the city with a fair name are pressing the students to procure the books as early as possible.

The schools' concern is understandable. These institutions (See Page 8 Col. 1)

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tions would like to see the courses covered by the end of the year. Non-availability of the books will bar the institutions from doing so. The most crucial question is why does the text board almost regularly fail to market their books on time. Bungling with book publication has become a normal feature with students suffering. Why can't the Text Book Board plan publication schedule well ahead of time to make available the books by the first week of November. This certainly is not a tall task and well within the capacity of the Text Book Board.

The arithmetic books of Class VI and Class VII are being revised. The revision of syllabus has been completed but the printing is not yet over.

If the situation is like this in the capital what will happen to the students of inaccessible areas of the country.