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School students yet to get text books

High school students throughout the country are facing serious problem in the beginning of the new academic session as text books are yet to reach the book shops, reports UNB.

Serious scarcity of some essential books of compulsory subjects are hampering the studies from classes VI to IX, students complained.

Book sellers in the city admitted the scarcity of few text books while some others are yet to be printed by the publishers.

When pointed at the exorbitant prices of the books available in the market they said that the publishers were supplying those at much higher prices than fixed.

They further complained that although book sellers are to get 25 percent commission, they were forced to sell with a marginal profit of 5 percent.

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When contacted a high official of School Text Book Board on condition of anonymity told UNB yesterday that they were aware of the scarcity of books.

He, however, said, "We have got nothing to do as the Board is hostage in the hands of the publishers."

The board has got no control on printing and distribution of books—we can only control the quality, he said.