

## 72,000 primary students yet to get text-books in Narail

From Our Correspondent

NARAIL, Apr. 11:—More than 72,000 students of primary schools of the district are yet to get text-books although three months of the academic year have already passed.

There are 287 government and 170 registered and non-government primary schools in the district. About 53,000 sets of books were allocated for distribution free of cost among 1,25,400 students of these schools.

But 44 per cent books have been distributed among the students so far while the rest did not get the books. Over 72,000 students of these primary schools were deprived of new books.

Besides these, a large number of students of Class II and Class IV received only 50 per cent new books and 50 per cent old books from the school authorities, following short supply of new books.

There are allegations that most of these old books distributed among the students are partially damaged and torn out. The students with these torn and damaged books have been facing inconveniences to prosecute their study. Due to short supply of books the Compulsory Primary Education Programme will be hampered.

The guardians of the students expressed deep concern over the critic-

al situation in primary education of the district. They demanded immediate supply of requisite quantity of books to promote primary education in the district.

On the other hand, the students of Class VI and Class IX have been facing acute problems with the start of new academic year due to non-availability of text-books in the local markets.

The guardians said that the students are gradually losing their interest as the new academic session began without the text-books. The Board supplied only English text-book for Class VI recently to the bookshops of the markets.

The traders informed me that the other text-books are yet to be published. They demanded proper distribution system of text-books so that the students can get the same at fixed price.