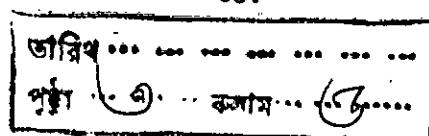


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1.11 cr primary textbooks sent to districts so far

The Textbooks Board, at primary level, supplied 1 crore 11 lakh 68 thousand 948 copies of books to different districts of the country by Tuesday last, reports BSS.

Prof. Kabir Uddin Ahmed Majumder, member of the National Curriculum and Textbooks Board, said seven to ten lakh books are being sent daily to different districts of the country. Besides, at secondary level, he said 259 printing presses started printing books through listing papers.

Immediately after took over power, the present government underlined the importance of printing of books in time and decided to supply textbooks to the students under a new package.

State Minister for Education A N M Ehsanul Hoque Milon, has been given the special responsibility in this regard.

Mr Majumder said this year 6,04,00,000 books at the primary level and 1,93,00,000 books at secondary level are being printed for the purposes. He said eight books are being published in corrected and amended forms.

"The government and Textbooks Board have intensified all out efforts to reach the books to the students by January next," said Mr. Majumder. He hoped that under the first package 80 percent books will reach different districts before January and the rest

of the books will be dispatched under the second package within January.

The students will get the new books less than three percent cost than the previous year.

This year printing cost of the textbooks is only Taka 7 crore, less than Taka 4 crore of last year's cost of Taka 11 crore.

A Seven-Member Taskforce comprising high officials of the Board, has been formed to see the overall supervision of textbooks, including printing, binding, distribution and marketing.

Prof. Nurun Nahar Begum, Chief Editor of Textbooks Board, hoped that the new books would reach the students in time.