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#### Textbook crisis

### AL MPs blast Sadique for failure

Amid an outcry over book crisis, Education Minister ASHK Sadique on Wednesday came under fire by government MPs in their parliamentary party meeting for the failure in supplying textbooks to schoolchildren.

Meeting sources told UNB that a good number of Awami League legislators complained that textbooks had not yet reached schoolchildren in their areas and bombarded the Education Minister with pungent questions targeting his failure.

The bureaucrat-turned minister, apparently puzzled by criticisms from his own party colleagues, however, assured the meeting that the books would be available on market within February.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina who chaired the meeting in Sangsad Bhaban conference room asked her deputies to work at grassroots level with election preparation projecting government's development activities to the people. She however said the election would be held on schedule after completion of her term.

Hasina also asked the MPs to face the 4-party alliance politically along with the people. She cautioned them that the opposition might try to disrupt the election if they found Awami League's victory certain.

Referring to certain demands, the Prime Minister said the government would ensure equal development of all the 300 constituencies by allocating 100 tons of foodgrain under test relief and 300 tons under food-for-works programme.