

## Free textbooks for secondary students

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The government has taken specific initiatives to ensure free distribution of textbooks among the secondary students at district and upazila levels for the academic year 2010.

The National Curriculum and Textbook Board (NCTB) will ensure dispatch of the books to different districts through the tender winners within the stipulated time, said an official press release.

The textbook committees headed by the deputy commissioners (DC) will send the books to upazila education officers, and the committees headed by upazila nirbahi officers (UNO) will inform heads of educational institutions concerned about the books.

It is mentionable that, the government on June 29 formed two committees for each district and upazila to monitor transportation, storage and free distribution of primary, ebtedai and secondary level textbooks printed

by the NTCB for the academic year 2010.

Heads of educational institutions will ensure smooth distribution of the books after proper registration of the students.

Managing committees of the respective institutions will supervise the distribution of books.

The NCTB will bear all costs relating to distribution of books at every stage.

Divisional commissioners, deputy commissioners and UNOs will monitor and coordinate all activities relating to book distribution within their respective areas.

A monitoring cell headed by the NCTB member (textbook) will be formed to monitor the distribution of free textbooks.

Persons concerned may contact phone numbers 9550805 and 01819-189231 or e-mail prof.shafiq@gov.com if any problem arises.

The monitoring cell will give immediate solution, the release added.