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## Primary textbooks allegedly being sold at open markets in Comilla

From Our Correspondent

COMILLA, Jan 24:—Primary textbooks, published by National Curriculum and Textbook Board for the current academic season, are being sold at the open markets in Comilla at high prices. Book distribution programme began in the district on January 6. Few schools of sadar and Burichong upazilas have already received textbooks while schools of other upazilas are yet to get the books.

But the textbooks for free distribution mysteriously have already reached at the hands of the local businessmen.

According to a market survey, a set of textbooks of class-I is being sold at TK. 50 while each set of books of class-II to V between TK. 200 and TK. 250.

The government allocated about 12 lakh textbooks for free distribution in Comilla but local people apprehended that the students might face book crisis this year due to this black marketing.

Chandpur, according to sources in the Comilla education department.

Three posts of headmaster, four of assistant headmaster and seven of teachers are lying vacant in Brahmanbaria while three of assistant headmaster and 17 of teacher in Lakshmipur.

Local people said shortage of teachers was hampering education seriously.

dicts after their release from clinics. These young men needed counseling frequently so that they did not slip back to the old habit of taking drugs. Several months after their release from the drug rehabilitation centers a good number of youths again started taking drugs simply because of the lack of counseling, they noted.