

50 percent books yet to reach Pirojpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur

Although the government yesterday started distributing textbooks across the country, around 50 percent books of primary level have not yet reached Pirojpur.

The district has so far got 3,44,956 copies of new textbooks against the demand for 6,63,750 copies for around 1,58,242 students of 1,221 primary schools, according to district primary education office.

It means that around 48 percent textbooks are yet to arrive in the district, causing anxiety among the teachers.

In Pirojpur Sadar upazila, primary school teachers have complained of receiving books only for class-III and class-V.

"We don't know how we will manage the students as we have got books only for two classes," said a headmaster of a government primary school, wishing not to be named.

The teachers also alleged that the quality of the textbooks they have got is substandard.

Sikder Atikur Rahman Jewel, Pirojpur Sadar upazila primary education officer, admitted an inadequate supply of new textbooks to his upazila.

"We've got books only for class-III and class-V and distributed them among the teachers," he said.

"After receiving the rest of the books, we will send them to the schools immediately," said the education officer.