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# Govt to reprint 1cr textbooks

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The government yesterday decided to reprint one crore more textbooks to resolve the persisting crisis of secondary school textbooks.

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid said the process of reprinting 40 lakh textbooks will begin today while the government will float an urgent tender for the rest 60 lakh most important textbooks of 20 types.

The decision was made at an emergency meeting at the secretariat in the capital with education minister in the chair.

Top officials of the education ministry and National Curriculum and Textbooks Board (NCTB), members of the taskforce for textbooks and representatives of publishers and printers were present at the meeting.

"It is true that 2.62 crore textbooks are not enough for secondary level students now. For this reason, we decided to reprint one crore more textbooks to bring an end to textbooks crisis," said the education minister at a press briefing after the meeting.

He also said the ministry is preparing a black list of those publishers who hoarded textbooks and made an artificial crisis to make some quick bucks at the cost of students' education.

"We will form a national expert committee comprising officials of education ministry, former and present NCTB officials, members of law enforcers and experienced academicians to prevent recurrence of textbook crisis next year," said Nahid.

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