

ENGLISH VERSION No textbooks yet for secondary students

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THE government is yet to provide secondary students of English version with textbooks which has forced them to attend classes without textbooks for a week.

Students and teachers said that the delay in providing the students with the English version of the sec-

ondary textbooks became a regular phenomenon.

The secondary students of English version got their textbooks in April in 2012 in July in 2011, they said.

National Curriculum and Textbook Board officials told New Age that the board in December 2013 ordered the printing of about six lakh

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copy of the of the English version of textbooks for the current session.

'Contents of some textbooks have been changed with the changes in the curriculum and the translators have delayed the translations of the changed chapters into English from Bangla,' said the board chairman Mostafa Kamaluddin.

The textbook board, under the education ministry, is responsible for the renewal or modification and development of curriculum and the production and distribution of primary, secondary and higher secondary textbooks.

Students and teachers at some renowned city schools told New Age on Sunday that they were attending classes without books while the students of Bangla version got some of the textbooks on January 1, when the government celebrated country-wide textbook festival.

Daulat Akter, guardian of a class VI student of Vigarunnisa Noon School, said that she had to buy three old textbooks from Nilkhet market as the school was yet to supply the books.

'However,' she said, 'all the books are not available in the market as contents of some of the books have been changed this year.'

The of the Ideal School and College at Motijheel, Shahanara Begum, said, 'Unfortunately, the students of English version had to wait for even three to four months in the last four years to get their books. This year also the authorities have informed that the English versions of the textbooks are yet to be published.'

Dhaka district education officer Md Abdus Samad said that his office needed 2,22,259 copies of the English version textbooks, while they were yet to get any.

'Everyday, I receive phone calls from the heads of the schools for the books,' he added.