

## Students to get free textbooks on time

Nahid tells journalists

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Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid yesterday assured that printing of school textbooks will be completed on schedule and students will get them by the start of next year.



The minister said this while talking to reporters after inspecting the textbook printing at Matuail in Dhaka.

The government has been distributing free textbooks to students on time for a couple of years, he said.

This year, a total of 33,39,61,724 textbooks are being printed for 44 lakh secondary and primary school students, he added.

The minister said 70 percent of textbooks for secondary and madrasa schools have been sent to upazila-level schools. On the other hand, one percent of books have been sent to the primary school students, he said.

He said as the number of dropouts has reduced and number of new students is increasing, they are printing more copies than that of last year.

Talking about the primary school textbooks, Nahid said due to some "complications", the printing of the books started a little late.