

Integrated course for Class IX introduced

The Government has introduced integrated course for Class IX from this month with science as a compulsory subject for realising the objective of a strong technical base for the national education system, reports BSS.

According to the Education Ministry, the new curriculum for the 1985 SSC examination has already been finalised.

Of the total marks 200 have been allocated for science alone, subject wise marks are: mother tongue Bangla-200, English language 200, Mathematics-100 and 200 marks have been distributed subjectwise as : History-75, Geography-50 and Economics-75.

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been kept for one of the seven elective subjects while another one hundred marks will be there for the additional optional subject.

The total number of annual school days exclusive of holidays is being worked out.

The Government has decided to provide all text books free of cost in Class I and II and 50 per cent text books in Class III from this year.

In 1984, all the text books will be provided to the students of Class I, II, and III and 50 per cent of the books of Class IV.

The students of Class I, II, III and IV will get their text books at the government cost in 1985 when students of Class V will get 50 per cent of the books.

By 1986, 100 per cent Text books to all students of the primary level upto Class V will be provided at the state cost, the Ministry said.

The text books for Class VI, VII and VIII are being made available this year, through wholesalers and retailers appointed by the publishers association throughout the country, the Ministry said. Of the 13 books for Class IX, five books are already available, when the remaining eight books are fast underprint and will be available by the middle of February this year, it said.

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