

Students to get new textbooks in January

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Says finance adviser



Finance Adviser Salehuddin Ahmed yesterday said students will get new textbooks in January, even though the purchase proposal was withdrawn for further scrutiny.

Speaking to reporters at the Secretariat after a meeting of the Advisory Council's committee on public purchase, Salehuddin said some printing orders had already been issued, but approvals for books for several classes were held back.

"We want to verify the quality of books printed earlier -- the paper used, and whether some firms are monopolising multiple contracts," he said. "That is why today's purchase proposal was withdrawn. The list will be reviewed and brought back, possibly next week."

"Reports of malpractice surface from time to time. We want to ensure no such firms are awarded work this year," he said.

While work orders were issued in November last year, the government is taking steps to finalise them in September this time so that books are delivered on January 1, he said.