



## Distribution of books

It was announced that text books from Class-1 to V would be supplied free of cost and the distribution would be completed by the 10th of January at the latest. It is also learnt that the books have been distributed among the different distributing agencies before hand accordingly for supplying them to the primary schools. But the snag is that the government has categorised the schools as government primary schools and non-government Primary schools and have reportedly ordered a discriminating plan for supply of text books. According to the Govt. Primary Schools will get the supply first and then rest of the books if any remaining surplus will be supplied to the non-govt primary schools putting the students of the non-govt primary schools in uncertainty about the receipt of text books free of cost. One's poor consolation however is that these books are not available at an exorbitant

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price in the black market.

A huge quantity of books has allegedly gone into the un-authorised hands during the process of transfer from the godowns of the Text Book Board to those of the DG, Primary at the connivence of dishonest officials and as a result, these books are now flourishing in the black market to the great distress of the guardians. A teacher of a high school (primary section) at Chittagong is learnt to own a library where he allegedly sells primary text books supposed to be distributed free. Thus the govt plan in this respect is being sabotaged.

The govt. has been changing the primary text books every year. This year is also no exception. The result is that the guardians have no opportunity of procuring old books at cheaper rates for their wards.

The guardians do not want free supply of books with

monopoly by a few distributors to encourage corruption but want books at cheaper rate through libraries as before. They feel that change of books every year and the so-called free supply system could not improve the standard of primary education and bring in any relief to the guardians except favouring fortune of some officials and distributors.

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