

No crisis of text book for Class I students

By A Staff Reporter

State Minister for Education Mr Abdul Baten told the Jatiya Sangsad on Friday that there was no crisis of text books for students of Class I. He further said that the supply of text books for Class III and Class VI was hampered during the beginning of the year due to the strike of Press workers and at present there was no shortage of books.

The State Minister was replying to a call attention motion moved by treatyary bench

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member from Dacca city Mr Jahangir Muhammad Adel.

Mr Adel while moving the call attention motion expressed his concern that text books for class one, three published by the text book board were not available to the students. He said that text book for class one were being sold at a much higher price in the market and the crisis had been causing tremendous losses to the school students. He wanted to know why and how this crisis had been created.

The State Minister for Education said that adequate number of text books for class one had been supplied to the book dealers by the board and there was no reason for a crisis or black marketing of books.

He said that the Members of the Parliament and the local administration were informed about the supply of text books to the enlisted agents of the board so that they could check any sort of black marketing in this most important sector.

The house also disposed seven other call attention motion on the day. These were moved by Mr Md Muzammel Huq, Mr A.M.A. Sulaiman (Ganofront), Moulana Nurannabi Samdani (IDL), Mr Maqbul Husain Advocate (BNP), Mr Farhad Ahmed Ranchean (BNP), Mr Md Sirajul Huq (IDL) and Mr Anisuzzaman Khokan (BNP) replying to a call attention motion. Health Minister Professor M.A. Matin said that number of cases had come down sharply in the country now. He said that only three cases of malaria were detected in Dacca city during 1978-79. at he further said that at Narayanganj

and Manikganj 56 and nine cases respectively of Malaria were detected during 1978-79 while the cases were 500 to 600 per year in these places during 1972 to 1973.

He held that previous government of Muslim League during Pakistan time and Awami League after liberation failed to eradicate malaria from the country. The government, he said was aware of the problem of malaria in the country and had engaged 12000 workers to fight the disease.

Islamic Democratic League (IDL) member Mr Md Muzammel Huq moved the call attention motion saying the malaria had been spreading like epidemic at various places of the country.

Replying to another call attention motion relating to menace of mosquito Professor Matin said that the government had taken up programme to fight the mosquito in the city.