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Text-books not available in Tangail

A Correspondent

MADHUPUR (Tangail), Jan. 24:—Text-books are not available at the book stalls in Tangail district. Some books are, however, being sold at a very high price.

It is learnt that some books were published for distribution among the students. These are Islamic Studies for Class VI, Geometry and Islamic Studies for Class VII, Poetry, Islamic Studies for Class IX.

Text-books of 1989 have been sold at a high rate. Social Studies of Class six are sold at Taka 15 instead of Taka 11, Bengali of Class VI at Taka 15 out instead of Tk. 10-30, English of Class VI, Bengali of Class VII, Mathematics of Class VIII and IX, English of class IX are sold at a high rate.

A source told this correspondent that the new books will not be available in due time because some unscrupulous traders hoarded the books of 1989. The new books will not be available at the market till the sale of old books. The traders will make windfall profit.

Last year almost all books were available in the market at a time. As a result the students could buy the books at a time. But this year the irregularities are found in the distribution of text books.

The Govt. should take necessary measures so that all books can be available within January.

Book-stalls closed

All book stalls at Tangail district

town including the 11 upazilas remained closed from dawn to dusk on January 15 at the call by Bangladesh Book-Sellers and Publishers Association.

It is learnt that BBPSA called for strike demanding the withdrawal of ban on the publication of note books up to Class VIII.

Chuadanga

A report from Chuadanga adds: Distribution of books in 257 Govt. and 49 non-Govt. primary schools has been started. A total of 95,500 sets of books has been received for the district for distribution, a source told this correspondent.

It is learnt that 10,200, 13,900, 17,800, 19,800, 26,300, 7,500 books were received for Classes V, IV, III, II, I and pre-primary classes respectively for 306 primary schools of the district.

The source disclosed that 21,775, 29,140, 26,400, 15,350 sets of books have already been distributed in Chuadanga, Alamdanga, Damurhuda and Jibannagar upazilas of the district by the District Book-Distribution Committee headed by Deputy Commissioner, Chuadanga as Chairman.

It is reported that 91,500 books have been distributed by this time in both Govt. and non Govt. Primary Schools of the district. The books have been distributed by the teachers of the schools.