

Call to ensure getting text-books in time

## Continue monitoring system at NCTB by Govt proposed

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Speakers at a views exchange meeting on Tuesday proposed for continue monitoring system at National Curriculum and Textbook Board (NCTB) by the government to ensure receiving the textbooks in time to the students at primary and lower-primary level.

They said that the NCTB should be divided into two sections—curriculum board and textbook board—and inclusion of local government to it for making the NCTB an autonomous and ideal institution.

An independent body should continue monitoring the work of NCTB to strengthen the time-management and to ensure getting books to the primary level students, the speakers said the meeting organised by the National Expert Com-

mittee (NEC) formed by the ministry of education held at Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban at Dhaka University (DU).

Prof. Akhtaruzzaman, former general secretary of DU Teachers' Association (DUTA) presided over the meeting while educationist, economist and the members of NEC was present at the meeting.

The speakers said that the NEC have already held two separate meeting reviewing the necessary papers and detected various problems. The problems are included no timeframe has required in books printing, supplying and in marketing and the time-management system of this process is weakness. Some special printing presses (only 18 presses out of total

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291) get priority in printing the books through tender.

Eminent educationist Prof. Farid Uddin Ahmed said that transparency and accountability should be ensured at NCTB and the accused persons involved in any kind of fraudulent must be brought under trail. He claimed that a number of unskilled persons are in the NCTB that halting dilly-dallying in the entire process.