

# Electric poles in the middle of now widened road

Vehicles face trouble on the regional highway in Barguna; no fund yet to shift the poles to side

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Hundreds of electric poles, now standing in the middle of the road due to widening of a 21-kilometre regional highway in Barguna, causes trouble for vehicular movement, in addition to disturbance in the road renovation work.

The road widening work from Purakata ferry terminal to Baroitola ferry terminal began in 2018 and the Tk 100-crore project is expected to be complete by June this year, said sources at Barguna Roads and Highways Department (RHD).

As the road widened, the electric poles adjacent to the old road are now in the middle.

Rural Electrification Board (REB) and West Zone Power Distribution Company Ltd jointly asked for Tk

62 lakh from the RHD to shift the poles to the side but to no effective action yet.

"Electric poles in the middle of the road causes problem for vehicular movement. Accidents often occur on the dusty road," said Abul Kalam, driver of a battery-run auto-rickshaw.

Echoing the same, another auto-rickshaw driver Babul Howladar said the authorities should take steps to complete the road renovation work as soon as possible.

Md Main Uddin, executive engineer of West Zone Power Distribution Company Ltd in Barguna, said, "We wrote a letter to the RHD last year demanding allocation for removing these poles but we are yet to get it. And so, the poles have remained there."

Khairul Islam, site engineer of the contractor firm 'Kohinoor Enterprise', said, "We are facing problems to do the renovation work as electric poles are still in the middle of the road. We talked to RHD officials about the matter on several occasions but no action has been taken."

Barguna RHD's Executive Engineer Md Haider Kamruzzaman said the REB and West Zone Power Distribution Company in last year demanded Tk 62 lakh to shift the electric poles.

"Afterwards, we sent a letter to the ministry concerned on December 24 last year asking for the allocation, but it is yet to be made. We hope to get the allocation soon and then steps will be taken to shift the poles from the middle of the road," he added.



Such electric poles, now lying in the middle of the road from Purakata ferry terminal to Baroitola ferry terminal in Barguna, due to the ongoing widening work of the regional highway, causes problem for vehicular movement. The authorities concerned said the poles cannot be shifted to the side due to lack of monetary allocation for the purpose.


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Once flowing Karatoa River now gives the look of a narrow canal containing stinky black liquid littered with garbage, thanks to the mindless encroachment and man-made pollution. The photo was taken in Fate Ali railway bridge area of Bogura town yesterday.

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### Invitation for Bids for Goods (International) - Re-bidding

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Education, Secondary and Higher Education Division		
2	Agency	Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education		
3	Procuring Entity Name	Program Director, Secondary Education Sector Investment Program (SESIP)		
4	Procuring Entity Code	Not Applicable		
5	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka		
6	Invitation for	Procurement of Goods		
7	Invitation Ref. No.	DSHE/SESIP/SPSU/1-439/PVIP(GD-50/b)/2019/911		
8	Date	12 March 2020		
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>				
9	Procurement Method	OTM/ International Competitive Bidding (ICB)		
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>				
10	Budget and Source of Funds	Development, and GOB and Project Aid		
11	Development Partners	Asian Development Bank		
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>				
12	Program Code	5026		
13	Program Name	Secondary Education Sector Investment Program (SESIP), Tranche 2		
14	Tender Package No.	GD-50b		
15	Tender Package Name	Procurement of Equipment for Implementation of Pre-vocational and Vocational Programme (PVIP) for five Trades (Civil Construction, Dress Making, Food Processing, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning, and Plumbing)		
16	Tender Publication Date	12/03/2020		
17	Tender Last Selling Date	27/04/2020		
18	Tender Submission Date and Time	28/04/2020	14:00 Hours BST	
19	Tender Opening Date and Time	28/04/2020	14:30 Hours BST	
20	Name & Address of the office(s)	Address		
	- Selling Tender Document (Principal)	Office of the Joint Program Director Secondary Education Sector Investment Program (SESIP) Shikkha Bhaban, 2nd Block, 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor, 16 Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh		
	Selling Tender Document (Others)	None		
NO CONDITIONS APPLY FOR SALE, PURCHASE OR DISTRIBUTION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS				
21	-Receiving Tender Document	Office of the Joint Program Director Secondary Education Sector Investment Program (SESIP) Shikkha Bhaban, 2nd Block, 16 Abdul Gani Road-1000, Floor/Room number: 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor / Room No. 601, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh		
	-Opening Tender Document	Shikkha Bhaban, 2nd Block, Floor/Room number: 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor / Room No. 605, 16 Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh		
	Place/Date/Time of Pre-Tender Meeting (Optional)	Date	Time	Place
		31/03/2020	11:00 AM	Shikkha Bhaban, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Block, Floor/Room number: 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor/ Room No. 605, 16 Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh
<b>INFORMATION FOR TENDERER</b>				
22	<b>Brief Eligibility and Qualification of Tenderer</b>			
	Lot 1	Average annual turnover as the total payments received by the Bidder for contracts completed or under execution over the last three (3) years shall not be less than USD 0.60 million or equivalent amount. Successful completion as main supplier within the last Five (5) years, of at least one (01) contract valued at USD 0.20 million or equivalent amount with nature, and complexity similar to the scope of supply described in the Tender Document. Others as mentioned in the Tender Document.		
	Lot 4	Average annual turnover as the total payments received by the Bidder for contracts completed or under execution over the last three (3) years shall not be less than USD 0.60 million or equivalent amount. Successful completion as main supplier within the last Five (5) years, of at least one (01) contract valued at USD 0.20 million or equivalent amount with nature, and complexity similar to the scope of supply described in the Tender Document. Others as mentioned in the Tender Document.		
	Lot 5	Average annual turnover as the total payments received by the Bidder for contracts completed or under execution over the last three (3) years shall not be less than USD 0.3 million or equivalent amount. Successful completion as main supplier within the last Five (5) years, of at least one (01) contract valued at USD 0.10 million or equivalent amount with nature, and complexity similar to the scope of supply described in the Tender Document. Others as mentioned in the Tender Document.		
23	Brief Description of Goods	Procurement of Equipment for Implementation of Pre-vocational and Vocational Programme (PVIP) for five Trades (Civil Construction, Dress Making, Food Processing, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning, and Plumbing) Lot 1: PVIP Equipment for Civil Construction Lot 4: PVIP Equipment for Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Lot 5: PVIP Equipment for Plumbing and Pipe Fittings		
24	Brief Description of Related Services	Transportation of Goods to the Final Destination, Installation and other related services mentioned in the bidding documents.		
25	Price of Tender Document (Tk.)	BDT 4,000 (Taka Four Thousand) or USD 50 (US Dollar Fifty) per lot, non-refundable in the form of Treasury Chalan (Code No. 1-2531-0000-2681) from Bangladesh Bank/Sonali Bank, or Bank draft/Pay order from any Scheduled Bank of Bangladesh in favor of the Program Director, SESIP.		
26	Lot No.	Identification of Lot	Location as per List	Tender Security Amount in USD or equivalent amount in any freely convertible currency
	Lot 1	PVIP Equipment for Civil Construction	95	US Dollar 5,000 or an equivalent amount
	Lot 4	PVIP Equipment for Refrigeration and Air Conditioning	43	US Dollar 9,000 or an equivalent amount
	Lot 5	PVIP Equipment for Plumbing and Pipe Fittings	19	US Dollar 3,000 or an equivalent amount
<b>OFFICE INFORMATION</b>				
27	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Professor Dr. Shamsun Naher		
28	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Joint Program Director (R. C.) Secondary Education Sector Investment Program		
29	Address of Official inviting Tender	Shikkha Bhaban, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Block, Floor/Room number: 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor / Room No. 601, 16 Abdul Gani Road Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh		
30	Contact details of Official inviting Tender	Phone: +88-02-9553712	Fax: +88-02-9586585	E-mail: <a href="mailto:jpd.sesip@gmail.com">jpd.sesip@gmail.com</a>
31	The Procuring Entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the bids without assigning any reason			

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## SUFAL Innovation Grant-Call for Research Proposal




SUFAL Innovation Grant (SIG) Program is a funding window for applied research on forest and biodiversity of IDA financed Sustainable Forests & Livelihoods (SUFAL) Project of Bangladesh Forest Department under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. SUFAL project now invites eligible individual(s)/institution(s) to submit preliminary research proposal for awarding grants on thematic areas outlined in SUFAL Innovation Grant Manual, which is accessible at [www.bforest.gov.bd](http://www.bforest.gov.bd). Workshops will be organized with initial applicants to facilitate detail proposal development. We highly encourage female researcher to apply for SIG and expect to award at least 30% SIG to female researcher. Maximum support from SUFAL Innovation Grant (SIG) would be approximately for two years.

Prioritized thematic research areas includes: Collaborative Forest Management; Forest Governance; Climate Change issues on Forest, Forest Species and Biodiversity; Infrastructure Optimization in Digital Forest Monitoring; Development of Cost-effective Rooting Materials; Forest Conservation and Restoration; Choice of Species for Future; Wildlife Habitat Conservation; Wildlife Ecology, Digital Service Delivery; Public Private Partnership in Forestry; Eco-tourism Development; Ecosystem Service Valuation; Site- species matching in Coastal Plantations etc.

The project will strictly follow SUFAL Innovation Grant Manual to SIG award and administration. Eligible and interested Bangladeshi individual(s)/institution(s) should provide information on prescribed Innovation Grant Application Form as detailed in annex I of SUFAL Innovation Grant manual, institutional proposal should be represented by one lead researcher.

Research Proposal must be delivered in PDF copies to the email addresses given below on or before April 02, 2020 within office hours (17:00 hours).

  
(Md. Rakibul Hasan Mukul)  
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