

Power, fertiliser plants consume lion's share of gas output

By Toufique I Khalidi

The lion's share of Bangladesh's gas output is being utilised for generation of power and manufacture of fertiliser, says a Petrobangla report.

About 70 per cent of the country's daily power requirement and 95 per cent of fertiliser used in agriculture come through utilisation of natural gas.

Naturally, the main consumers of natural gas, transmitted and distributed through three subsidiary companies of Petrobangla, are the Power Development Board (PDB) and the Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC).

The PDB, presently, is generating about 1400 mw gas-

based power as against the total daily generation of about 2000 mw.

The seven urea fertiliser factories under the BCIC, the other major customers, produce about 1.5 million metric tons of urea annually using gas.

According to the report re-

leased March 25, foreign currency worth about Tk 1500 cr was saved during 1989-90 by using gas as an alternative to petroleum products. The figure is expected to reach Tk 2000 cr in 1990-91, the report predicts.

The report entitled 'Perspective and Key Issues

(1990-91)' says about 5266 tona went to the national exchequer during 1990-91 as duties and taxes from sale-proceeds of gas and condensate. The amount is highest of the contributions made by any individual sector to the public exchequer, the report says.

At present, the country's gas production from 17 gas fields under two production companies stands at 580 MMCFD (Million Standard Cubic Feet Per Day).

Apart from power and fertiliser, the other major consumers are the industrial units, commercial enterprises, tea estates and domestic users.

The sector-wise breakdown of gas utilisation during 1990-91 on a cumulative basis is as follows:

Sector	Consumption during 1990-91 (Bcf)	% of total	Cumulative consumption till Dec '91	% cumulative
Power	81.4	50	604.05	39
Fertiliser	54.1	33	613.05	40
Ind.+Comm.	18.7	11	229.30	15
Domestic	10.1	6	88.50	6
Total	164.3	100%	1,535	100%

Biman opens ramp building at ZIA

By Staff Correspondent

The newly-built traffic ramp building of Biman Bangladesh Airlines opened at Zia International Airport Wednesday.

Biman Managing Director Abdul Mueyed Chowdhury formally inaugurated the ramp building at a simple ceremony in the morning. High officials of Biman and Civil Aviation Authority were present.

Built at a cost of Tk 56 lakh with 5,800 sq ft floor area, the ramp building would help gear up activities of Biman traffic personnel at the airport.

The Civil Aviation Authority formally handed over the ramp building to Biman in the function.

Bid to replace tobacco farming by cotton

Authorities are planning to replace production of tobacco crop by that of cotton for discouraging farmers to produce the deadly crop, reports UNB.

Agriculture Ministry sources in Dhaka told UNB that cotton has been selected as the replacement crop because it can be produced easily in the same soil.

The replacement will also increase the cotton production in the country and reduce its imports, they said.

Pabna traders from body to resist illegal demands

PABNA, Apr 2: The business community of the district Wednesday formed a 101-member committee to protect the traders from illegal demands, reports UNB.

The Baboshayee Otkyo Parishad was formed in a meeting represented by at least 50 businessmen of Yusuf Market with Baby Islam, President of Motor Owners Association in the chair.

It decided to act unitedly against illegal toll collection, ransacking of shops, terrorism and to resist all sorts of exploitation.

A Kafi, General Secretary of the Medicine Traders Association became the convenor of the Parishad while Mahabuddin President of 'Mudri' shop owners and Nuruddin Babu General Secretary of Textile Business Society became the joint convenor.

Plan to install 500 DTWs in Rajshahi region

RAJSHAHI, Apr 2: Barind Multipurpose Development Authority has fixed a target to install 500 deep tubewells, reexcavate 50 derelict ponds, construct 75 pucca irrigation pipe lines provide electricity to 300 deep tubewells and produce 10 lakh saplings in the project area during the current fiscal year, reports BSS.

The decision was taken at the first meeting of the authority held here recently with it's Chairman and Divisional Commissioner of Rajshahi A A Habibullah in the chair.

Threeday discussions were held in the meeting about different aspects of the programmes of the authority like installation of deep tubewells, reexcavation of derelict ponds, construction of pucca irrigation pipeline and roads and electrification of tubewells.

The authority hoped that after implementation of the programmes of the current fiscal year would help benefit the people of the project area.



Biman's Managing Director Abdul Mueyed Chowdhury formally opening the newly-built traffic ramp rest room of Biman at Zia International Airport Wednesday morning.

Finland keen to aid development of Ctg Port, population project

Finland is keen to provide assistance to Bangladesh for a number of development projects in the field of health and population, mapping sector and Chittagong Port development, official sources said Wednesday, reports UNB.

A FINNIDA delegation told Bangladesh officials last month that the projects would be included in the planning pipeline for implementation in 1993-96.

The four-member FINNIDA delegation, headed by Pertteli Majanen, Director, Asia and Latin America, said it intends to concentrate its assistance mainly on the delivery of con-

traceptive Norplant. Bangladesh, however, asked for adequate technical and financial information on the matter.

Finland also expressed its interest to provide support to the mapping sector of Bangladesh with strong emphasis on institutional strengthening, manpower development and training of relevant government agency.

At the meeting between the delegation members and the officials, it was revealed that the on-going activities and the planned pipeline will be adequate to cover 1992-93 but those did not foresee enough

of activities in 1994 and 1995. The meeting reviewed the on-going Finnish-aided projects, including Mongla Port, rural electrification and inland water transport projects.

Regarding Chittagong Port project, it was decided that an agreement on the Finnish assistance will be signed by July this year. Finland will send an appraisal mission soon for finding out further future support to the project.

Finnish assistance to 'Rehabilitation of Chittagong Cement Plant' also came up for discussion and the donor agreed on providing an amount of five million US dollar.

Commentary

Project evaluation should be a part of the management

By Shahabuddin Mahtab
Guest columnist

The Industrial Revolution in England, in the eighteenth century, was closely followed by similar developments in Western Europe and other parts of the world. In the nineteenth century, industrialisation took place in Europe and America, leaving large parts of Asia and Africa untouched. This has largely led to the division of the world into developed and developing countries.

The rapid strides made by the western world can hardly be matched by the underdeveloped world. To meet this challenge, these countries have no other alternative but to make relentless efforts to make up the leeway.

The first country where national economic planning was undertaken was the former USSR. Soviet Russia undertook to raise and transform agricultural and industrial production through successive plans.

After the Second World War, as the Indian Sub-Continent and other countries of Asia and Africa gradually won their freedom, they made national economic planning as the basis of their rapid economic growth, raising the standards of living of the people and meeting their basic needs.

The countries of the developing world are largely following the path of mixed economy. The macro-economic planning consists of development objectives in the different sectors. Pitted to the total development plan are the various projects that have been undertaken in fulfilment of the plan objectives. The success of the plan is dependent on the overall success of the projects in the different sectors.

The success of an ongoing project or a completed project and their continuous evaluation would have its reflection on the projects themselves, other projects and the plan as a whole.

The experience of the Third World countries, including Bangladesh, indicates that the progress and success of many of the projects is greatly hampered, primarily due to the lack of administrative and managerial competence.

The evaluations that are made regarding the projects can only have meaning if the findings are used to help the decision makers to make their own judgements based on facts, at the different stages of a project, when important decisions are required to be made. The object of a pilot project is often to test the efficacy of a particular programme to go for its wider adoption.

An evaluation of a project has to take into account its different facets, such as (a) the technical aspect, (b) the managerial and administrative aspects, (c) the commercial aspect, (d) financial aspect and (e) the economic aspects.

In the context of Bangladesh, where almost all the projects are funded by foreign resources, and almost all planning is dependent on external aid, a hard look at the implementation and completion of the different projects is all the more necessary.

Evaluation of many of the projects has indicated that funding of the projects through various international sources may not be an unmitigated blessing. In many of the tied aided projects, we have to pay far more for what we get. In other cases, we are tied with the foreign consultants, with the result that they may not be looking at a project from our national point of view, but may be serving some other interests.

Examination of the ongoing projects often indicates that due to our lack of commercial intelligence and linkages abroad, we have to pay much more in international prices for the machinery and raw materials.

Many of our projects incur heavy losses due to total absence of prior planning and thinking, and lack of coordination. The work schedule of a project is not related to the Annual Development Programme, even when the required funds have been released. Non-release of funds either by the Ministry of Finance, the administrative ministry or the Corporation is a serious malaise.

There have been instances, many in number, where the buildings, roads etc of the projects have been completed several years before, but the machinery may be lying under the open sky for several months/years.

Evaluation of such cases merely for the sake of form will hardly serve any purpose unless some meaningful action is taken to remedy such defects.

With a view to arriving at a meaningful solution, evaluations should be made by both the internal agency and an external agency.

It must be accepted by us that the evaluation of the projects is a part, and an extension of the management process. Its role is constructive in nature and it helps the project to improve it. An evaluator from outside may not be regarded as an enemy but a helpful friend. An evaluation report has only meaning, if from it we draw lessons for the future.

Shipping Intelligence

CHITTAGONG PORT

Berthing Position & Performance of Vessels as on 01/4/92

Berth No	Name of Vessels	Local Agent	Date of Arrival	Leaving	Cargo
J/1	Hang Shing	PSAL	18/3	4/4	S. Ash
J/2	Grunwald	BSA	23/3	4/4	GI
J/3	Fenling	MSA	24/3	6/4	C. Pease
J/4	Smit Cyclone				
J/5	Samudra Samrat	SSL	26/3	4/4	GI
J/6	Antje	PROG	25/3	3/4	P. Equip
J/8	Banglar Gounab	ISC	23/3	7/4	GI
J/9	Continent-1	CLA	30/3	6/4	GI
J/10	Oman Kurt	ROYAL	29/3	8/4	M. Seeds
J/11	Olympic Phoenix	BSL	24/3	4/4	MOP
J/12	Banglar Kallol	ISC	26/3	1/4	GL
J/13	Andrian Goncharov(Cont)	CT	28/3	1/4	Cont
MPB/1	Vallencia II	KARNA	25/3	-	Sugar
MPB/2	Ever Cheer	BDSHIP	30/3	1/4	Cont
	Barge: Mataram	SW	6/1	-	-
CCJ	Al Tabith	UMAL	21/3	6/4	C. Clink
CSJ	Banglar Aaha	ISC	R/A	1/4	Wheat
TSP	Samudra Raj	SSL	18/3	7/4	Repair
LD	Banglar Mamata	ISC	26/2	1/4	Repair
DDJ/1	Enduren Sea	EOSL	25/1	5/4	Repair
DDJ/2	Banglar Robi	ISC	R/A	5/4	Repair
RM/3	Tannery Star	MSA	18/3	3/4	Cement
RM/5	Roxanne	MSP/L	30/3	2/4	HSD
RM/6	Banglar Shourabh	ISC	R/A	1/4	Repair
RM/8	Laurel Star	BMI	14/2	10/4	Repair
RM/9	Banglar Swapna	ISC	R/A	10/4	Repair/Dead

Tanker Due

Name of Vessels	Local Agent	Date of Arrival	Last Port	Cargo
Tamar Summer	SEACON	1/4	-	Crude Oil
Matterahorn	DSI	-	-	Crude Oil
Anax Puma	JF	11/4	-	Tallow

Vessels at Outer Anchorage

Ready on:	Name of Vessels	Local Agent	Date of Arrival	Last Port	Cargo
APJ Annand	NISHAT	31/3	Sing	Coke/Pease	
Mowlavie(E/L)	SSL	31/3	Mong	GL	
Maritime Pride	TSL	31/3	Col	Crude	
Mount Sabera	AMI	31/3	Kutt	C. Bales	
Anthenian Theodore	ECSL	31/3	Baga	HSD	

Vessels not ready:

Golden Fish	BSL	27/3	JEDD	MOP
Adkris	BSL	30/3	Sing	Gold Rolled

Vessels awaiting instruction

Banglar Kiron	ISC	R/A(6/3)	-	-
Banglar Jyoti	ISC	R/A(30/3)	-	-
Al-Tafzir	KSI	28/3	Sing	-
Banglar Sampad	ISC	31/3	-	-
Hang Tone	H&H	31/3	-	-

Vessels not Entering

Alyan	ALAMIN	-	Sing	Cement
Red Deer	OTL	-	Sing	-
Oryx	Aqua	-	-	Salt
Vigorous Swan	Aqua	-	-	Urea
Pasig River	OTL	-	Sing	-
Allasa	H&H	-	Padra	Cement
Malleco	MSP/L	-	Huan	Scrapping
Sam Houston	KARNA	-	-	GI
Primavera	JF	-	-	-

Vessels due at outer Anchorage

Name of Vessels	Date of Arrival	Last Port	Cargo	Local Agent	Loading Ports
I Yamburenko	1/4	-	Cont	CT	Sin
Saffra-E-Hasder	1/4	-	GI/CL	ASLL	Karachi
New Genlord(Cont)	1/4	Sing	Cont	BDSHIP	Sing
Lesozavodsk	1/4	-	Cement	LUTUL	-
Hang Hook	1/4	-	Cement	BRIGHT	-
Sea Tradition	2/4	-	Cement	AML	-
Shalpaeverett	2/4	-	GI	EBPL	Japa. Fe.St
Asian Aragi	2/4	Jaka	GI	JF	-
Liberty Beele	4/4	-	Wheat	KSL	-
Pionar	4/4	Kand	Salt	MSA	-
Arunachal Pradesh	4/4	-	GI	SSL Far East	Japa
Seynag Ace	4/4	-	GI	FROG	-
Dimitry Poluyan	5/4	-	GI	CT	Odesa
Aken (Cont)	6/4	Sing	Cont	BSL	Sing
Fong Shin (Cont)	6/4	Sing	Cont	BDSHIP	Sing
Banglar Urm	6/4	-	GI	ISC	-
Chandklas	7/4	-	CL	SSL EC, USA	Cana
Weser Star (Cont)	7/4	CAL	Cont	BDSHIP	Sing
Ngs Ranger	7/4	Sing	Cont	BDSHIP	Sing
Atlantic Clipper	7/4	Sing	Cont	BDSHIP	Sing
Petr Starostin	7/4	Sing	Cont	CT	Sing
Eastern Breeze	7/4	-	-	RPSA	-
Hang Wan	7/4	-	Cement	H&H	-
Amitle	7/4	-	Wheat	SSL	-
Mandri (Cont)	7/4	COL	Cont	RSL	Sing
Theomana	9/4	RIO	-	JF	-
Ahlers Breeze	9/4	COL	Cont	RSL	COL
Kota Baana	10/4	Sing	Cont	CTS	Sing
Silver Sea	10/4	-	GI	FROG	-
Shezan	12/4	Jaka	Sulphur	AQUA	-

MONGLA PORT

Berthing Position & Performance of Vessels as on 1/4/92.

Berth No	Name of Vessels	Cargo	L Port	Local Agent	Date of Arrival	Date of Depart.
J/6	Eastern Bredge	Ballast	Ctg	RRS	13/2	-
MB-1	Summit Venture	Wheat	Ctg	BSL	30/3	-
MB-2	Al-Swamir	Exp	Ctg	ATLAS	23/3	-
MB-3	Saffra-e-Rehmat	Exp	Ctg	ATLAS	17/3	-
MB-4	Vigorous Swan	Ferti	Ctg	AGT	1/4	-
MB-5	Dimitry Poloyan	Jute	S Port	CT	28/3	9/4
S/1	Ryong Gang	Cement	Ctg	SUN	17/3	2/4
S/3	Ocean Earth	Cement	Ctg	HIL-SHIN	27/3	6/4
S/4	Pya-1	Cement	Ctg	PARAGON	29/3	-
S/6	Ronjay Choomie	Cement	Ctg	SHAWAN	30/3	-

Name of Vessels	ETA	ETD	L Port	Local Agent	Cargo
Vigorous Swan	1/4	-	Ctg	AGT	Import (Ferti)
Banglar Kallol	2/4	6/4	Ctg	ISC	Gurnees, R/ Jute
Banglar Robi	3/4	4/4	Ctg	ISC	Imp (Cement)
Olympic Phoenix	4/4	17/4	Ctg	PSL	Imp (Cement)
Hang Shing	4/4	-	Ctg	PSAL	-
Gold Horizon	4/4	7/4	Ctg	AGM	GI
Continent	4/4	-	Ctg	BSL	Import
Tannary Star	5/4	-	Ctg	G Land	J. Goods
Hang Hook	6/4	-	Ctg	Bright	J. Goods
Sea Tradition	7/4	-	-	AKA	Import
Golden Fish	7/4	-	Ctg	BSL	J. Goods
Al-Rahman	7/4	7/4	INDON	MAKH	J. Goods
Dekhoda	7/4	-	B Akas	SSL	Wheat
NGS Ranger	8/4	9/4	Ctg	Bdship	Container
Allasa	9/4	-	Ctg	Makh	J. Goods
Hang Wan	10/4	-	Ctg	Makh	GI
Karabi Everett	10/4	-	Cal	Everett	J. Goods
Grunwald	10/4	14/4	Ctg	IBSA	Imp (Ferti)
Petr Starostin	10/4	12/4	Ctg	CT	Imp (Ferti)
Saffra-e-Hasder	12/4	-	Ctg	Atlas	J. Goods
Sung Hwa	12/4	-	Ctg	Makh	Imp (Cement)
Banglar Urm	1/5	15/5	Ctg	ISC	J. Goods

The above were the Wednesday's (1/4/92) Shipping position and performance at Chittagong and Mongla Port as per berthing sheets of CPA and MPA respectively, supplied by HRC Group, Dhaka.

Dhaka Stock Prices

At the close of trading on April 1, 1992
Star Economic Report

Business slumps

Business at Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) Wednesday, both in terms of volume and value, declined. The total number of issues traded on the floor also declined.

Gainers however maintained their dominance over the losers. Seven shares gained while two lost. Only one share traded at its previously quoted price. The number of shares taking part on the floor fell from Tuesday's 20 to 10.

In volume terms, transaction fell by more than nine times while in value terms it fell by just over fourteen times. A total of 1705 papers changed hands valuing Tk 101555.00.

The DSE Price Index gained 0.200 points and stood at 286.2497.

THE DAY'S TRADING AT A GLANCE

DSE All Share Price Index	286.2497
Market Capitalisation (Tk)	Not available
Turnover (in value Tk)	