

# Dhaka Day by Day

## When money is a pest

by Dipak Kumar Karmaker

There is no end of troubles in the workday life. Trouble is really unbearable when it seems to appear out of nowhere just when everything seems to be in perfect order.

For example, you have gone to some office for urgent business. Just as you got down from the rickshaw, you see that you have a five-taka note and other bigger notes. But the rickshawala has to be paid three takas, and he has no change either. You will go to other rickshawalas and shop keepers but every where you meet with a decided no.

Your valuable time is running out, yet you can do nothing. How helpless the condition! However, if some kind-hearted person comes forward to you, he will seem to be a divine blessing when he gives you the change and you are saved for this time. Otherwise, you have to give the rickshawala the whole five-taka note, in which case, you will feel that you have lost one ventricle of your heart.

People sometimes have to turn to the shop-keeper for change. But the latter does not give change easily. People have to buy something to get change. There are situations when you have to buy something which may cost five or six takas to get change of a fifty-taka note. It also happens that the retail shopkeepers do not sell things for the fear of change. They would rather suffer a little loss in their trade than let the change pass on to other hands.

An event frequently seen is of a man going to a shop and asking for a cigarette, say, of Gold leaf brand. He lights the cigarette with satisfaction and then produces a fifty-taka note or even a one hundred-taka note. A Gold leaf cigarette may cost two takas, and for it, the seller has to manage change of fifty or hundred-taka note. The shop-keeper, the miserable man, is compelled to give the buyers change of such

big notes, since the cigarette is already burning, and so it is useless to take it back.

While spending money, everybody, off and on, faces troubles about torn or patched-up notes. Torn or patched-up notes cause greater anxiety to people. People always love fresh notes. When one note among others, happens to be torn, the receiver gives it back to the giver.

The giver argues that the note is quite good, passable; he tries to trick the receiver into accepting it, while the latter is determined not to accept it. And the struggle goes on for some time. It is usually difficult to say who will win. Some people specially bus-conductors, pass off torn or patched-up notes by concealing it in between other notes. When a man discovers such a note in his pocket, he becomes anxiety-ridden. He thinks about how to get rid of this nuisance, and foist it off on other people - the sooner, the better.

Society demands that people have an extrovert attitude. Society is based on mutual cooperation between men, hence the anti-social individual is a misfit. This is manifest in the public attitude of drifting with the stream. When a few people do something, others immediately follow suit without much thinking. And the patched-up notes are the victim of this public attitude. But a little contemplation makes it clear that the problem of patched-up notes is not without a solution.

All of us should accept torn or patched-up notes, except when the note cannot be identified at all or the note is entirely divided into two parts. Money is neither a food that it will taste sweet or bitter nor a thing to be displayed in the show-case. The value of own fresh note and that of one patched-up note are the same. As far as money is concerned it is the denomination that really matters, not the aesthetic consideration.



## BCIC produces goods worth Tk 1098.85 cr

The Enterprises of Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC) have produced goods worth Taka 1098.85 crore during the first 10 months of 1991-92, an increase of Taka 49.30 crores over last year, reports BSS.

According to a press release, the enterprises which achieved worthwhile headway in production are, Chittagong Urea Fertilizer Factory (4,92,306 tonnes), Zia Fertilizer Factory (385,104 tonnes), Natural Gas Fertilizer Factory (83,289 tonnes), Polash Urea Fertilizer Factory (90,840 tonnes), TSP Complex (90,840 tonnes), Khulna Hardboard Mills (144.69 lakh cft), Eagle Box and Carton Manufacturing Company made profit of Taka (618.71 lakh), Chittagong Cement Clinker and Grinding Factory (1,39,480 tonnes) and Kohinoor Chemical Company (2429 tonnes) of soap and 58 tonnes of glycerine.

The BCIC's 23 industrial enterprises production rose by 5 per cent than last year, says the press release.

## 'Work together to improve women's lot'

State Minister for Social Welfare and Women Affairs Sarwari Rahman Thursday stressed the need for spreading education among the women to make them conscious of their rights, reports BSS.

Addressing a seminar in observance of SAARC Girl-Child decade at the Shishu Academy auditorium, the State Minister said, "We all will have to work together for improving the lot of the women who constitute half of the total population."

The seminar, jointly organised by the Shishu Academy and the UNICEF, was presided over by Dr Kazl Anwara Mansur, Chairman of the Shishu Academy.

# Pragmatic polices sought for small, medium industries

Commerce Secretary Nazem Ahmed Chowdhury Thursday called for adoption of pragmatic policies for the growth of small and medium scale industries, reports BSS.

Chowdhury said this sector could make significant contribution to the growth of the country's economy.

He was addressing as chief

being pursued now.

Sponsored by Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) in association with ZDH-TA, an Apex body of German chambers of trade, industry and crafts, the workshop will discuss the draft recommendations on the workshop topic.

German embassy-based Ronald Graffe, Singapore-based regional representative of ZDH-TA in Asia Heiko Waesch, Executive Director of Technonet Asia Dr Anton Balasuriya, Chairman of Small and Cottage Industries Corporation Maniruzzaman Chowdhury and Vice Chairman of Export Promotion Bureau Waitul Islam.

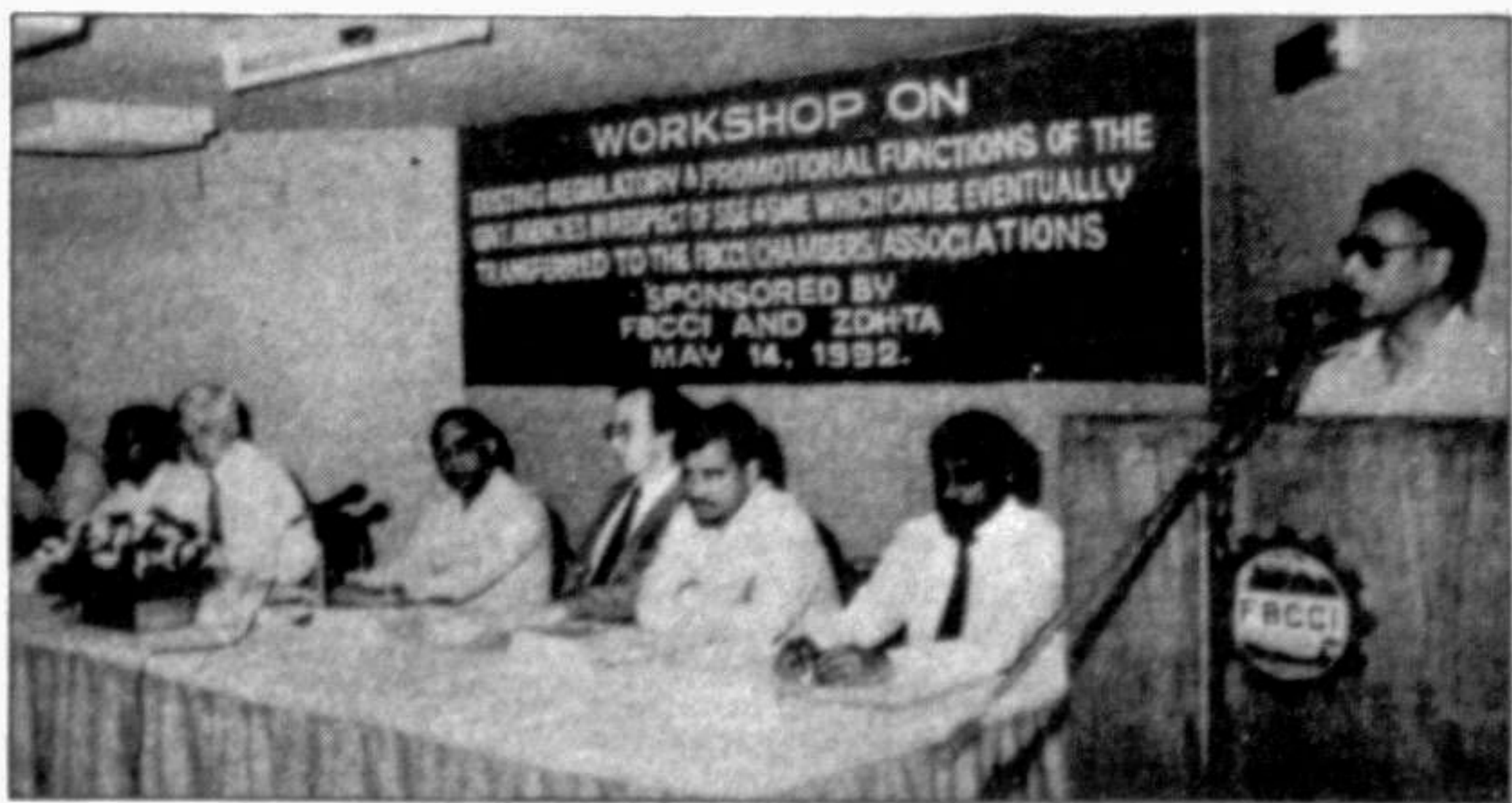
working session. Mathubur Rahman said the FBCCI as the Apex institution and principal spokesman of the entire private sector in the country was actively cooperating with the government as partner and acting as a catalyst in accelerating the process of private sector development in the country.

He said over regulation of the economy had long been recognised as a major constraint to private sector development in the country.

At the same time, Rahman said, critical information and advice on market opportunities and assistance in terms of capital and infrastructure facilities, essential for encouraging entrepreneurship and new investment, were also lacking.

He said to promote an orderly development of the private sector in such a constrained environment FBCCI had adopted a "menu" approach, where first item is an in-depth study of the existing regulatory and promotional functions of the government agencies, particularly with respect to small and medium enterprises, and identify those that could eventually be transferred to FBCCI, chambers and associations.

The German Charge D'Affaires Ronald Graffe hoped that the collaboration between the two Apex bodies of chambers of commerce and industry of his country and Bangladesh would be very fruitful.



Nazem Ahmed Chowdhury, Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, addressing the workshop on 'Existing Regulatory and Promotional Functions of Government Agencies with Regard to Small and Medium Enterprises SMES' sponsored by Federation of Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) and The German Federation of Small Business and Crafts-Technonet Asia (ZDH-TA) at the Conference Hall of FBCCI Thursday.

guest the inaugural session of one-day workshop on 'Existing regulatory and promotional functions of government agencies in respect of small scale enterprises and small and medium scale enterprises which can be eventually transferred to the FBCCI/Chambers/Association.'

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With the assistance of ZDH-TA and Technonet Asia, a German funded network for transfer of technology and information, the FBCCI had prepared the draft recommendations in collaboration with the centre for development research Bangladesh, a local consultancy firm.

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Split into two working sessions, the workshop is being participated by representatives of various chambers of commerce and industry, National Association of Small and Cottage Industries in Bangladesh (NASCI), senior officials and experts in the field.

Chairman of the centre for development research Dr Mizanur Rahman Shelly presented the summary of draft recommendations at the

## Radio may broadcast VOA programmes

Information Minister Nazmul Huda said in Dhaka Thursday that the government was considering introduction of some of Voice of America (VOA) programmes in one of the frequencies of Radio Bangladesh, reports BSS.

Speaking at a reception held in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the first VOA broadcast, the Information Minister lauded the role of VOA for its objective coverage during the nine years of struggle for democracy against the autocratic rule.

Ambassador William B. Milam recalled the birth of VOA on February 29, 1942 from a studio in New York city. Since 1942 the Voice has grown from 13 languages to 47.

The Voice reaches an estimated weekly audience of more than 127 million people

## PWD Parishad programmes postponed

Public Works Department Kendrio Sangram Parishad has postponed its proposed programmes for one month following the discussion with the government, according to an official handout, reports BSS.

The discussion was held Thursday at the conference room of the Woks Ministry with the Works Minister Barrister Rafiqul Islam Mia in the chair. The meeting was attended, among others, by AHM Shahjahan, Secretary, Ministry of Works, the Chief Engineer of PWD Abdul Mannan, Convener of the PWD Central Sangram Parishad.



Poet Sufia Kamal addressing the inaugural ceremony of the art gallery Shilpangan in the city Thursday.

## Health Minister returns

Minister for Health and Family Welfare Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf returned here Thursday after attending the 45th World Health assembly held in Geneva from May 1 to 10, reports BSS.

Health Secretary Syed Ahmed and Director General of Health Services Professor Dr AT Siddique accompanied the Minister.

The Health Minister highlighted in the assembly the massive health care programme launched in Bangladesh under the leadership of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia. He emphasised the high priority being attached by the present government to the health sector.

## PM's call to help combat corruption

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia today called upon all to help the present government in fighting and eliminating corruption from the society, reports BSS.

Begum Zia was addressing a big public meeting at the Eidgah ground at Parbatipur where thousands of people, defying the inclement weather, had thronged to listen to her.

Begum Zia said the people at all levels would have to get involved in the ongoing development programmes for their successful implementation.

The Prime Minister expressed her firm belief that with the implementation of the programmes of the BNP government the country's economy would become stronger and welfare of the people would be ensured.

The Prime Minister said the production in the mills and factories must have to be increased by shunning the path of terrorism and anarchy. There is no alternative to increasing employment opportunities without revitalising industrial sector, she said.

Begum Zia said the central point of the development of activities of the present government was rural areas, specially the women living in the remote areas.

She said we believe that no programme could be successful without the conscious participation of the women community.

## Friday Morning Session

- 8.00 Opening announcement Al-Quran Programme summary News in Bangla Cartoon : Mutant Ninja Turtles 8.40 Documentary film on Haj 9.30 Film : The spectacular World of Guinness Records 10.00 News in English 10.15 Moner Mukurey 11.15 Documentary 12.30 Closing

## Evening Session

- 3.00 Opening Announcement Al-Quran Programme Summary Recitation from the Triptak 3.15 Alore Dishari (Religious Programme) Full length Bengali film 5.10 News in Bangla 5.30 Sports Programme 6.45 Anu Paramanu Sangeeta (Musical Programme) 8.00 News in Bangla 8.30 Musical Programme 9.00 Anrban 10.30 News in English 10.30 Dristhikone 11.30 Khabar/The News 11.40 Saturday's programme summary 11.45 Closing

## JASASS to promote indigenous culture

The leaders of newly convened Jatiyatabadi Samajik Sangskritik Sangstha (JASASS) Thursday placed wreaths at the Mazar of Shaheed president Ziaur Rahman and offered Fateha, reports BSS.

Later in the JASASS's central office, the convener of the new committee Anjad Hossain and joint convener Zahid Hossain Chunnun, and other leaders Ashraf Hossain Ujjal, Ahmad Musa, Wasimul Bari Rajib, Ruhul Amin, Abu Saleh, Saifuddin Ahmad Jewel, Abul Kawsar Hitler and Khandker Asaduzzaman, among other, expressed their firm commitment to work under the directive of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia.

The committee hoped that it would try to promote indigenous culture by resisting alien culture, a press release of the JASASS said.

The convener and joint convener of JASASS in a statement expressed their deep condolence at the tragic death of Vice-President of Engineering University Central Students Union Ruhul Kabir and two others.

## Congratulations

to Shakeel Anwar and Parvin who are getting married today. From S. M. Ali and his other friends in The Daily Star

## Happy Birthday

& Best wishes Faisal Mameni & Papa

## What's on today . . . .

**Painting Exhibition**  
La Galerie at 54, Kemal Ataturk Avenue, Banani, will hold a painting exhibition by Ranjit Das today (Friday).

French Ambassador Serge Degallatx will open the 10-day exhibition. It will remain open from 9 am to 8 pm everyday. A total of 32 paintings and drawings will be put on display.

**Jatiya Sramik Jote**  
A joint meeting of the central and the national committee of the Jatiya Sramik Jote will be held today (Friday) at 3 pm at the 225, Fakirerpool in Dhaka.

**Lecture on Abu Syed Chowdhury**  
A memorial lecture on 'Abu Syed Chowdhury - Our liberation war and the present expectation' will be held today (Friday) at 4-30 pm at National Museum auditorium.

Organised by Amra Shuryamukhi, the function will be addressed by Prof Kabir Chowdhury, poet Shamsur Rahman, Syed Shamsul Huq and Lt Col (retd) Abu Osman Chowdhury. Sufia Kamal will preside.

**Seminar on labour movement**  
A day-long seminar on 'Labour movement and the present realities' will be held today (Friday) at 10 am at 4, Dilkhusha Commercial area in the capital.

**Annual prize distribution**  
The annual prize distribution ceremony of the Meherunnisa Girls High School will be held today (Friday) at 4 pm at the Ziaur Rahman auditorium of Shishu Academy. Education Secretary Shaful Alam will attend the function as chief guest while Dr Ashraf Siddiqui, Chairman of Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS) will attend as special guest.

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**Gorib Dal rally**  
Bangladesh Gorib Dal will hold a rally tomorrow (Saturday) at the Gulistan square area in the capital. Presided over by Dal President Sheikh Jainul Abedin, the rally will be addressed by the party leaders.

**Installation ceremony**  
The installation ceremony of the Library Association of Bangladesh will take place tomorrow (Saturday) at 5-30 pm at the BARC auditorium at Farmgate. State Minister for Cultural Affairs Prof Jahanara Imam will attend as chief guest.

## Weather

### Rain with gusty wind likely

By Staff Correspondent

Rain and shower accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at one or two places over the region of Bogra, Rangpur, Mymensingh, Tangail and Sylhet during the next 36 hours commencing 6 pm Thursday.

Meteorological office forecast that weather may remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country during the period. Day temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged during the period.

Rainfall recorded on Thursday were 6 mm in Dhaka, 7 mm in Dinajpur, 5 mm in Bogra and 14 mm in Tangail.

The sun sets in Dhaka on Friday at 6-34 pm and rises at 5-15 am Saturday.

Temperature and humidity recorded at important cities and towns on Thursday were:

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	32.2	26.6	75	60
Chittagong	33.5	27.8	71	72
Rajshahi	39.4	26.5	56	43
Khulna	35.6	25.8	73	70
Barisal	34.8	25.5	77	72
Cox's Bazar	34.3	28.0	73	72
Sylhet	34.0	24.8	80	88
Dinajpur	34.6	25.3	71	76

## গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর কার্যালয়  
স্থানীয় সরকার প্রকৌশল ব্যুরো  
জেলা- মেহেরপুর।

## দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

স্থানীয় সরকার প্রকৌশল ব্যুরোর অধীন ১৯৯১-৯২ অর্থ বৎসরের সংশোধিত বার্ষিক উন্নয়ন-কর্মসূচির অর্ধে সড়ক/সেতু/কালভার্ট নির্মাণ প্রকল্পের আওতায় নিম্নলিখিত প্রকল্প বাস্তবায়ন এর নিমিত্তে স্থানীয় সরকার প্রকৌশল ব্যুরোর আওতায় বাস্তবায়নধীন সমস্ত প্রকল্পের পূর্বযোগ্যতা সম্পন্ন টিকাদার/টিকাদাত্রী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হইতে বাংলাদেশ ফরম নং-২৯৯১-এ তে সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহবান করা যাইতেছে।

০২। দরপত্রসমূহ আগামী ১৮/০৫/৯২ ইং ০৮/০২/৯৯ বাৎ তারিখ বেলা ১২-০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী স্থানীয় সরকার প্রকৌশল ব্যুরো, কুষ্টিয়া, মেহেরপুর ও প্রকল্প পরিচালক, এডিবি বন্যা পুনর্বাসন প্রকল্প, ৪/৫ লালমাটিয়া, রুক-বি, ঢাকা-১২০৭ এবং নিম্নবাহককারীর দস্তাবে রক্ষিত টেন্ডার ব্যাগে গৃহীত হইবে এবং একই দিন বেলা ১২-৩০ মিনিট এর সময় উপস্থিত দরপত্রাদাসের সমুখে যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন। দরপত্র খোলা হইবে।

০৩। দরপত্র ফরম, সিডিউল ও আনুষঙ্গিক কাগজপত্রাদি আগামী ১৭/০৫/৯২ ইং ০৩/০২/৯৯ বাৎ তারিখ পর্যন্ত কোন কার্য দিবসে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে উপরোক্ত অফিস সমুখে বৈধ লাইসেন্স প্রদর্শনপূর্বক নির্ধারিত মূল্যে (অফেরযোগ্য) ক্রয় করা ও দেখা যাইবে। দরপত্র দাখিলের দিনে কোন সিডিউল বিক্রয় করা হইবে না।

০৪। দাখিলকৃত মোট মূল্যের ২% শতাংশ বায়নার টাকা বাংলাদেশের যে কোন সিডিউল ব্যাংকের ডিডি/সিডি বা পে-অর্ডার আকারে নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, স্থানীয় সরকার ব্যুরো, জেলা-মেহেরপুর অনুকূলে দরপত্রের সহিত দাখিল করিতে হইবে। কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিক্রমে যে কোন বা সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

### "প্রকল্পের তালিকা"

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