

RCC Mayor inaugurates tree plantation

RAJSHAHI, July 15 Mayor of Rajshahi City Corporation (RCC) Mizanur Rahman Minu Tuesday formally inaugurated the tree plantation programme of the City Corporation by planting a sapling at the premises of Rajshahi City College with a call to the city dwellers to plant saplings at their house premises and nourish it for maintaining ecological balance, reports BSS.

Addressing the teachers and students on the occasion, the Mayor said existence of Bangladesh would be at stake if the deforestation process continued unabated. He said planting of trees would not only keep the environment pollution free but it would be asset for the country.

He underscored the need for building social movement to plant trees systematically. He called for proper nourishment of the planted saplings.

The Mayor also planted saplings at the premises at Rajshahi Girls High School, Works Department of the City Corporation, Rajshahi Jail ground and Rajshahi jute mill. Rajshahi City Corporation has decided to plant one lakh saplings in the current fiscal year in the graveyards, islands, road sides and compounds of government and non-government organisations of the city as per directive of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia. Taka ten lakh has been sanctioned for the purpose.

Heroin, ganja, liquors seized

A special squad of the Narcotics Directorate has seized huge quantities of spurious drugs including heroin, ganja, and foreign and local liquor from different parts of the metropolitan city during the last 9 days, a press release issued by the Directorate said in Dhaka Tuesday, reports BSS.

The press release said during the drive, the special squad of Dhaka Metro-sub-region of the Directorate arrested 15 persons on charges of possessing these dangerous drugs and trading on them.

The special squad, the press release said Monday, recovered 20 grams of heroin and 46 ceket of foreign liquor from Mohakhali, Gulshan and Kotwali areas and arrested two persons in this connection.

In another drive conducted from July 7 to July 9, the squad recovered 8.5 grams of heroin, 20 grams of ganja and 11 litres of liquor from Demra, Kotwali, Dhanmondi and Tejjan areas. It also arrested nine persons in this connection.

Earlier on July 5, the squad recovered 340 grams of ganja and 26 ounce of home-made-liquor from Demra, Motijheel and Kotwali thana areas and arrested 4 persons in this connection, the press release said.

Kushtia pouara budget announced

KUSHTIA, July 15: An ambitious development programme has been undertaken by Kushtia Pourashava authority for the fiscal year 1992-93, reports UNB.

This was reflected in the budget announced to local newsmen by Pourashava Administrator Kazi Abu Sharif Wednesday.

In the proposed budget, total earning including opening balance was Taka 8.40 crore against expenditure of Taka 7.56 crore leaving a surplus of Taka 83.94 lakh.

Sources of earning included expected government grant of Taka 5.57 crore and the rest of the amount will be raised from the town dwellers as taxes.

The administrator urged upon the dwellers to clear up their pouara taxes. An amount of Taka 60 lakh remained outstanding as taxes.

He sought cooperation of the people of the pouarashava to implement the development activities for their own interest.

Instant tea making process leased out

The process for making instant tea developed by Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (BCSIR) has been leased out to a local entrepreneur for commercial production, says a Press release.

An agreement in this regard has been signed between BCSIR and Messrs Bangladesh Food Development Industries, 6/2, Tajmahal Road, Mohamadpur, Dhaka on Wednesday in the Committee room of BCSIR.

According to the agreement, the entrepreneur has to go into commercial production of the process within one year. The people will be able to prepare tea very easily following the process.

Most tea prices move upward

by Staff Correspondent

Mixed results were evinced at this week's tea auction sale, held at Chittagong on Tuesday last, as prices of most broken moved upwards but those for fannings declined.

According to a Unity Brokers market report, prices of most broken, which were depressing for the past few sales, took an upward trend due to rise in demand. A buyer for the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) lent good support. However, fannings, in spite of good support from Pakistani buyers, failed to hold last levels and were generally easier from last rates.

Internal traders also extended good support as tea arrivals improved and future sales will see better offerings, the market report noted.

In the leaf category, a total of 15,972 packages was offered. Of which, export buyers accounted for 39 per cent of the sale while the internal traders purchased 25 per cent and the remaining 56 per cent was withdrawn.

In the dust category, 3,577 packages were offered at the sale. Internal buyers purchased 55 per cent of the sale while export trades accounted for 24 per cent and the rest 21 per cent remained unsold.

Following is the category-wise market report as prepared by Unity Brokers:

CTC: Bolder broken continued to attract low bids. Most broken, however, met with good demand and prices generally inclined to the best and medium broken appreciating

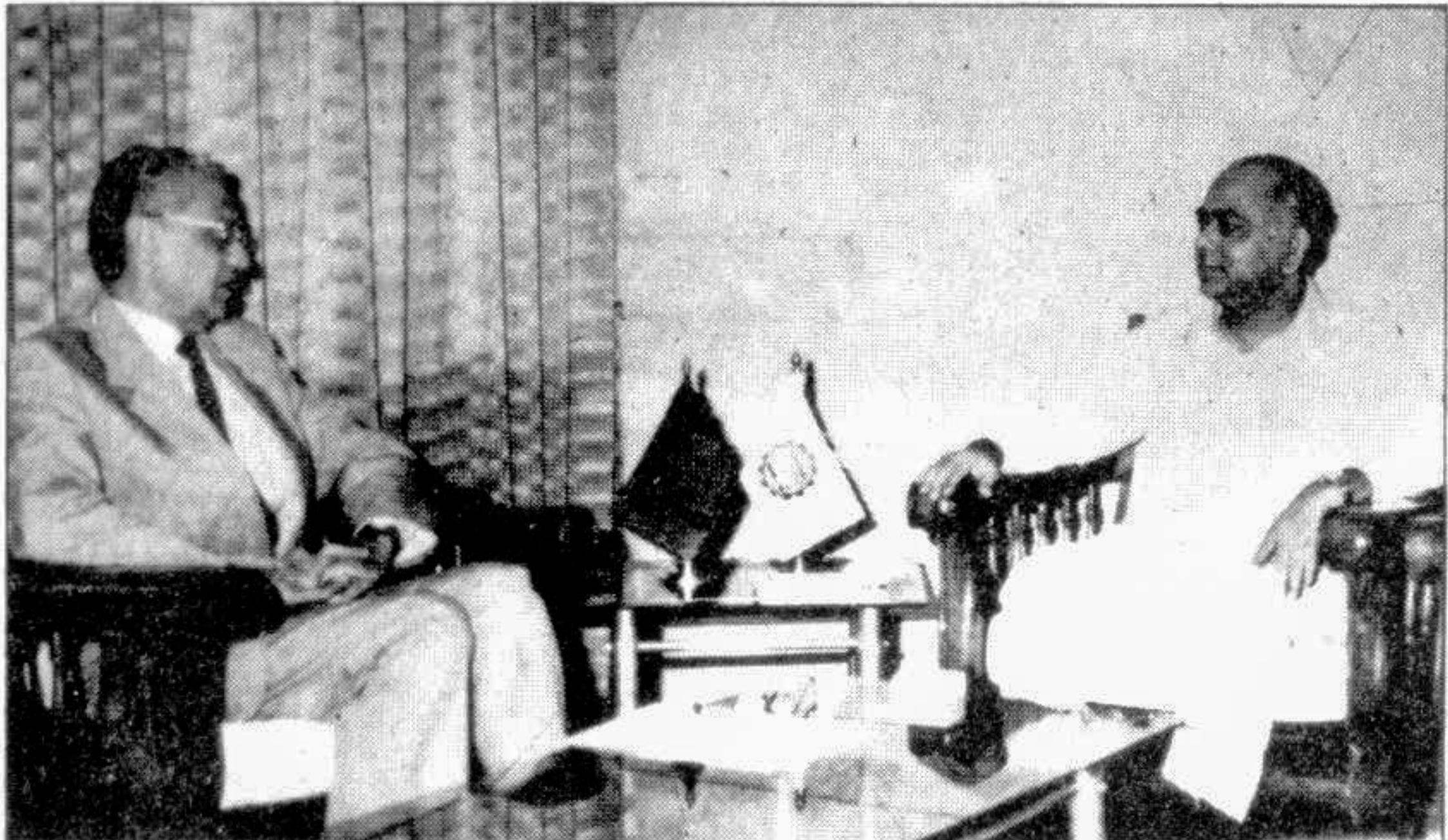
by Taka 1 to Taka 2 per Kilogram from last rates.

FANNINGS: Specially the best varieties shed Taka 2 per kilogram and sometimes even more from last prices. All others were about firm to occasionally dealer by Taka 1 to Taka 2 per kilogram from previous rates.

GREEN TEA: 30 packages on offer were all withdrawn having failed to meet sellers price expectations.

DUST: Except for the best types, which held firm, all others declined by Taka 2 per kilogram.

The next tea auction sale (No.13) will be held on July 21 with total offerings comprising of about 10,000 packages of leaf and 3,000 packages of dust.



His Excellency Jacques Bailly, Ambassador, Head of Delegation of the Commission of the European Communities in Bangladesh called on Mahbubur Rahman, President of FBCCI on Tuesday at the FBCCI office. They discussed trade expansion specially in respect of Exports to EC countries and prospect of EC's contribution to the Economic growth of Bangladesh.

Fish export fetches Tk 484.79 cr in eleven months

The country earned Taka 484.79 crore from fish exports during the first 11 months of the outgoing fiscal 1991-92, reports UNB.

Fisheries and Livestock Minister Abdullah al-Noman informed this while replying to a question in parliament on Wednesday.

He said earnings from fish export was Taka 526.62 crore in 1990-91 while the amount was Taka 478.77 crore in 1989-90.

The minister said fish is usually exported to 15 countries, namely Japan, UK, USA, Belgium, Netherlands, Switzerland, Indonesia, Malaysia,

Germany, Singapore, Taiwan, Kuwait, Abu Dhabi, UAE and Saudi Arabia.

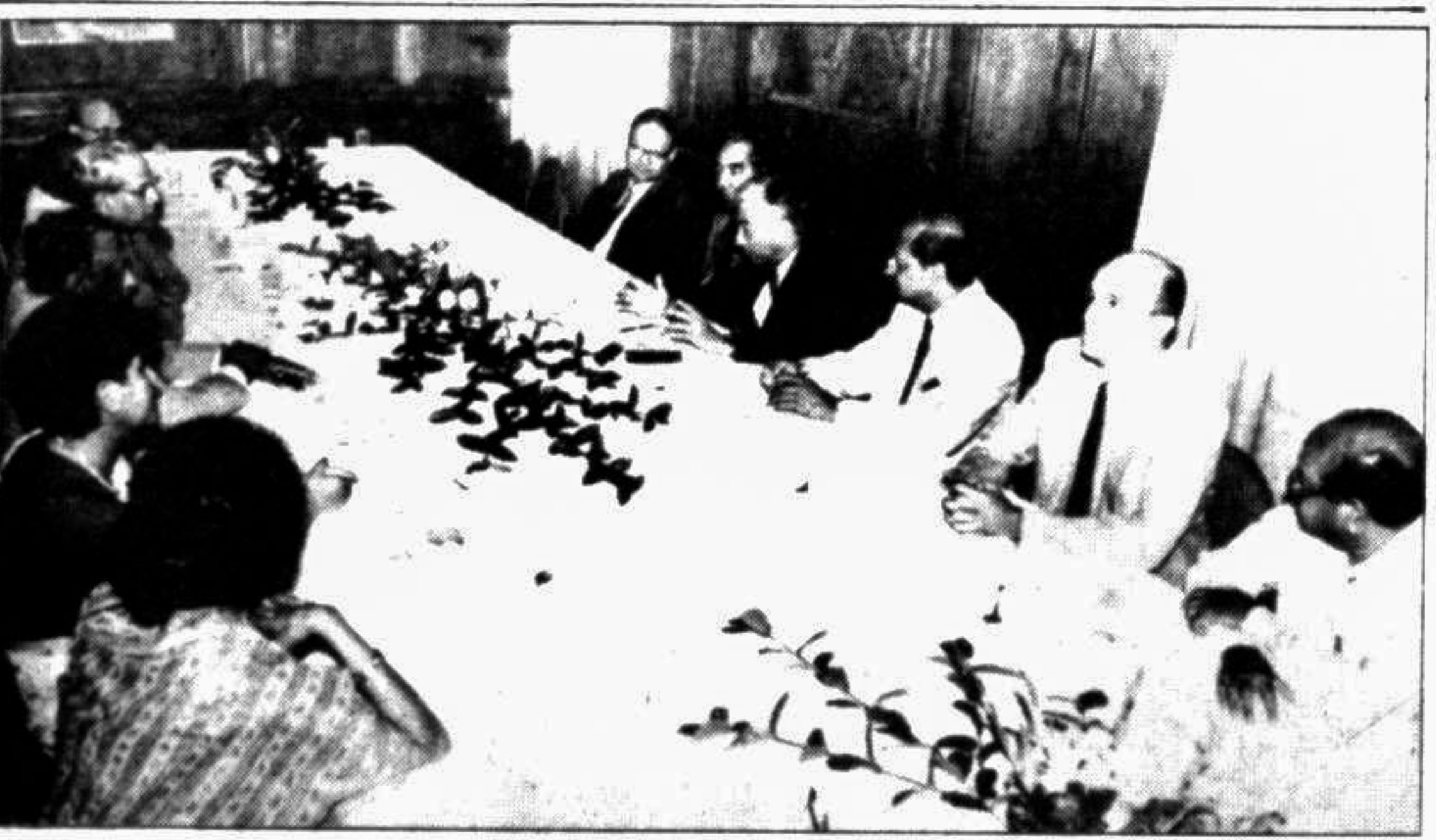
Replying to another question, the Fisheries and Livestock Minister told the parliament that current annual fish production in the country is 8.47 lakh metric tons while annual demand of fish is 13.20 lakh tons.

To fill up the deficit, the government has taken-up a comprehensive programme to increase fish production, he said. An amount of Taka 749 crore has been earmarked for the programme in the Fourth Five-Year Plan.

A BSS report says: Annual

fish production of the country stood at 8.47 lakh tonnes Fisheries and Livestock Minister Abdullah al-Noman informed the Jatiya Sangsad on Wednesday.

Replying to a question from M A Awal Mia (AL Kushtia), the Minister said at present annual requirement of fish in the country was 13.20 lakh tonnes taking into account 32 gram per head. The requirement could be met locally, the State Minister said and added that Taka 749 crore had been earmarked in the Fourth Five-Year Plan and different development projects have been undertaken to fulfil the deficit.



T Nakamura (4th on right row), Assistant Director General, ILO, in-charge of Asia and the Pacific region holding talks with the members of Bangladesh Employees Association (BEA) on Wednesday. M Anis Ud Dowla, President of the BEA is seen on his right.

Work on 2 goat farms in progress

Work on the two goat farms at Sylhet and Savar, started in 1991-92, would be completed by June of fiscal 1992-93, Fisheries and Livestock Minister Abdullah al-Noman informed the Jatiya Sangsad on Wednesday, reports BSS.

Replying to a question from Prof Rafiqul Islam (AL-Jessore) the minister further said that there was a plan to set up two cattle breeding farms at Chittagong and Bogra in fiscal 1992-93. Work on the construction of the farms would be

started as soon as approval of the Planning Commission was received, he said.

He said that land for the farm had already been acquired at Chittagong while acquisition of land at Bogra was under process. Moreover, there was a plan to set up a goat farm at Chuadanga in 1992-93, he said and hoped that work would be completed in the current fiscal year.

In reply to a question from Mogsud ibne Aziz Lama (JP-Sylhet) the minister said that a sum of Taka one crore had been sanctioned for the development of Sylhet Cattle Farm and a sum of Taka 75 lakh had already been spent in 1991-92 besides Taka four lakh for producing grass in the farm.

He said, 100 improved variety of cow would be supplied to the farm this fiscal. The government had adopted an expanded programme for improving the cattle wealth in the country including import of cattle from abroad.

Arrangements had been completed for import of 100 Shihali cattle from Pakistan and efforts were being made to import 80 improved AFS (Australian Friesian Shihali) variety of cattle from Australia.



Dr Amirul Islam, Member (Dev) of BCSIR handing over a deed of agreement on leasing out of the process for making instant tea to Kanchan Sikder, MD, Bangladesh Food Development Industries on Wednesday.

Shipping Intelligence

CHITTAGONG PORT

Berth Position and Performance of Vessels as on 15/7/92

Berth No.	Name of Vessels	Cargo	Last Port	Local Agent	Date of Arrival	Leaving
J/1	Bikin	Refer	Jedda	ENCL	6/7	15/7
J/2	Nan Du Jiang	Cement	Chin	MSA	25/6	25/7
J/3	Yannis-II	GI	Durb	FSAL	27/6	15/7
J/4	Minerva	GI	Pena	MSA	30/6	20/7
J/5	Banglar Doot	GI	Pena	BSC	2/7	15/7
J/6	Mytsicht	GI	Sing	PROG	7/7	20/7
J/7	Ronjay Choomie	Urea	Mong	PSAL	10/7	23/7
J/8	Samudra Samrat	GI	Col	SSL	1/7	15/7
J/9	Banglar Kallol	GI/GL	Col	BSC	10/7	18/7
J/11	Sea Glory	Fert	Sing	PROG	16/6	22/7
J/13	Ocean Envoy	GI	Col	BSC	13/7	19/7
MPB/1	I Yamburenko	Cont	Sing	CT	13/7	16/7
MPB/2	Forng Yun	Cont	Sing	BDShip	13/7	17/7
CCJ	Georgios-M	C Clink	Pugara	UMAL	1/7	22/7
CSJ	Banglar Asha	Wheat	-	Lams	R/A	16/7
TSP	Eastern Breeze	GL	Mong	RRSA	28/6	15/7
RM/3	Antares	Tallow	Sing	CT	14/7	16/7
RM/4	Hang Fook	Cement	Vish	MSA	13/6	15/7
RM/5	Hafez	Salt	Card	OWSL	6/7	26/7
DOJ	Banglar Jyoti	Repair	-	BSC	R/A	16/7
DD	Banglar Baari	Repair	-	Lams	R/A	20/7
DDJ/1	Enduranche Sea	Repair	Aqaba	EOSL	25/1	20/7
DDJ/2	Al Reza	Cement	Kurwait	OWSL	10/7	17/7
RM/8	Ohrmazd	Salt	Col	PSAL	21/6	18/7
RM/9	Banglar Kiron	Repair	-	BSC	R/A	20/7
CUFJ	Allissa	Urea	Col	BSL	-	15/7

VESSLS DUE AT OUTER ANCHORAGE

Name of Vessel	Date of Arrival	Last Port	Local Agent	Cargo	Loading Port
Samudra Raj	16/7/92	-	SSL	GI	-
Kota Bura	15/7/92	Sing	CTS	Cont	Sing
Ronjay Victory	17/7/92	-	PSAL	Cement	Sing
Banglar Gourab	18/7/92	Pena	BSC	GI	-
Siper Star	17/7/92	Mong	ENCL	EL	Yangon
Stormy Annie	17/7/92	-	RRSA	-	-
Artemis	17/7/92	-	Bright	Cement	-
Bennvall	17/7/92	Mong	RSL	Cont	Sing
Al Swamruz	18/7/92	Sing	ASLL	GI	-
Kamalverett	18/7/92	-	EBPL	GI	FE ST
Ocean Earth	18/7/92	Nampo	Sunshine	Cement	-
Lord	18/7/92	-	Prog	GI	-
Tong Ah With Barge Java	-	-	-	Project Equip & Anchor	-
Seagull	19/7/92	-	Anchor	Materials	-
Oryx	20/7/92	Mong	Aqua	GL	Doula
Yao Sheng	20/7/92	-	Bright	Cement	-
Vishva Kaumudi	20/7/92	-	SSL	EL	Dundee Ant
Mehedinti	20/7/92	Col	BSL	GI	-
Safina-e-Haider	20/7/92	-	ASLL	GI/GL	Karachi
Vishva Pankaj	20/7/92	-	SSL	E/L	Dundee Ant
Andrian Goncharov	20/7/92	-	CT	Cont	Sing
Kota Eagle	20/7/92	Sing	CTS	Cont	Sing
Continent-1	20/7/92	Pena	CLA	GI	Sing
Jiang Cheng	21/7/92	S Hai	BDShip	GI	-
Andromache	21/7/92	Col	RSL	Cont	Mong
Fong Shin	21/7/92	Sing	BDShip	Cont	Sing
New Genlord	21/7/92	Sing	BDShip	Cont	Sing
Optima	22/7/92	Sing	RSL	Cont	Sing
NGS Ranger	22/7/92	Sing	BDShip	Cont	Sing
Fryansky Mashinostroitel	28/7/92	Annaba	TSSL	R Phos	-
A Megacarrrier Two	30/7/92	Sing	BDShip	Cont	Sing
Flying Dragon	7/8/92	-	DSTO	Cement	-

TANKER DUE

Neptune Antlia	18/7/92	Sing	MSPL	-
Global Mars	29/7/92	-	TSL	-

VESSLS READY AT OUTER ANCHORAGE

Ready On

State of Haryana	GI	Col	SSL	15/7
Maritime Pride	GLSO	Pena	TSL	14/7

VESSLS AWAITING FOR INSTRUCTION

Banglar Shourabh	-	-	BSC	R/A (6/7)
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VESSLS NOT ENTERING

Alyn	Cement	Sing	Alamin	R/A (18/9)
Red Deer	-	Sing	OTL	R/A (26/11)
Nehaj	Scraping	Col	UMAL	10/6
S E Rehmat	GI/GL	Kara	ASLL	R/A (11/7)
Sletter	TSP (Pvt)	Tampa	SSST	12/7

The above were the Wednesday's (15.07.92) shipping position and performance of vessels of Chittagong Port as per berthing sheet of CPA supplied by HRC Group, Dhaka.

Price Index

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Essentials	Price	Essentials	Price	Essentials	Price	
RICE (Taka per kg)	16.00-17.00	Khasari (One piece)	14.00-15.00	Green Chilies	8.00-10.00	
Amar (fine)	15.00-17.00	Green Coconut (Small)	5.00-6.00	Mustard	52.00-54.00	
Pajam	13.50-14.50	Coconut (Large)	8.00-10.00	Soybean	38.00-39.00	
VEGETABLES (Taka per kg)	10.00-11.00	Mango	(Taka per kg)	50.00-55.00	Coconut (Colombo)	90.00-95.00
Potato (local)	10.00-11.00	Langra	30.00-40.00	Vegetable Ghee (1kg)	48.00-52.00	
Brinjal	10.00-12.00	Hingasar	(One piece)	SPICES (Taka per kg)	11.00-12.00	
Karolla	8.00-10.00	Pineapple	5.00-8.00	Onion (local)	26.00-35.00	
Lalshak	4.00-5.00	Jackfruit	20.00-40.00	Garlic (local)	35.00-45.00	
Papya	5.00-7.00	Banana	(4 pieces)	Chillies (local)	45.00-54.00	
Green Banana (Four Pieces)	4.00-6.00	Sagar (Large)	12.00-14.00	Turmeric (Round)	48.00-56.00	
OTHER FOODGRAN (Taka per kg)	10.50-11.00	Champa	3.00-4.00	Green chillies	8.00-10.00	
Flour	14.00-14.50	Dates (Taka per kg)	45.00-50.00	Cinnamon (10gm)	3.00-3.50	
Ruhi (big)	130.00-160.00	OIL (Taka per liter)	50.00-55.00	Candemom (10gm) (small)	8.00-9.00	
Katia (big)	100.00-110.00	Mustard	52.00-54.00	Pura (50gms)	8.00-9.00	
Haha	50.00-55.00	Soybean	38.00-39.00	MILK (Two lags)		
Pangas	110.00-130.00	Coconut (Colombo)	90.00-95.00	Dano	307.00-308.00	
Shrmp (big)	110.00-120.00	Vegetable Ghee (1kg)	48.00-52.00	Red-Cow	316.00-317.00	
Sing	140.00-150.00	SPICES (Taka per kg)	11.00-12.00	MISCELLANEOUS (Taka per kg)		
Ko	130.00-140.00	Onion (local)	26.00-35.00	Ghee	230.00-240.00	
MEAT		Garlic (local)	35.00-45.00	Sh	7.00-8.00	
Beef	60.00	Chillies (local)	45.00-54.00	Sugar	27.00-27.50	
Mutton	85.00-90.00	Turmeric (Round)	48.00-56.00			
CHICKEN		(Long)	48.00-56.00			
Large	62.00-64.00	Green chillies	8.00-10.00			
Moderate	66.00-68.00	Cinnamon (10gm)	3.00-3.50			
Small	70.00-72.00	Candemom (10gm) (small)	8.00-9.00			
TEA		Pura (50gms)	8.00-9.00			
Dust (Plain)	70.50-15.00	MILK (Two lags)				
EGG (4 pcs)	12.50-13.00	Dano	307.00-308.00			
Hn	12.50-13.00	Red-Cow	316.00-317.00			
Duck	12.50-13.00	MISCELLANEOUS (Taka per kg)				
Firm	13.00-14.00	Ghee	230.00-240.00			
PULSES (Taka per kg)		Sh	7.00-8.00			
Mooh	28.00-29.00	Sugar	27.00-27.50			
Mooh	29.00-30.00					
Chhole	22.00-23.00					

Exchange Rates

The following are the Commercial Bank's BC selling and TT (C). OD transfer buying rates for some selected foreign currencies effective on July 16. (Figures in Taka)

Currency	Selling B.C.	T. T. (C)	Buying O.D. Transfer
US Dollar	39.1326	38.9087	38.6339
Pound sterling	75.0586	74.7037	74.2142
DM	26.3519	26.1835	25.9986
FF	7.8047	7.7554	7.7006
S Riyal	10.4641	10.4042	10.3307
D Guilders	23.3725	23.2249	23.0609
S Kroner	7.2643	7.2160	7.1650
Singapore Dollar	24.2818	24.1429	23.9724
UAE Dirham	10.6911	10.6299	10.5548
Kuwaiti Dirham	136.4475	135.6969	134.7087
Indian Rupee (AMU)	1.5104	1.5035	1.4960
Pak Rupee (AMU)	1.5523	1.5451	1.5374

Authorized dealers will apply T T clean buying rate for purchase of remittances of Bangladeshis working abroad. Note