

Speakers at a seminar

Solution to flood problem a must

SHERPUR, Feb 19: The severity of the flash floods caused by the rivers from the hills in the north-eastern region of the country came in for detailed discussions at a seminar here Thursday participated by the Members of Parliament, water experts and representatives of grass root level organisations, reports BSS.

All were near unanimous that flash floods cause immense damages to crops, livestock, communications and overall infrastructure in quick time and set at naught the development activities.

Hence, they said, this problem needs to be resolved in all earnestness so as the save a large area of the country from the onslaughts of the flash floods.

Organised by the Flood Plan Coordination Organisation (FPCO) and the North-East Regional Water Management Study (Flood Action Plan-6), the seminar was participated by Members of Parliament belonging to different parties bailing from the affected and adjoining areas.

Begum Matia Chowdhury, Abul Hasan Chowdhury, Dr Serajul Huq, Promoda Mankin and Mirza Azam — all MPs,

Chief Engineer of the region Abdus Salam, the Superintending Engineer of the FPCO M Shafi, and several persons from the area gave their opinion on the flood action plans echoing the opinion of local people on the issues involving flood control and water management.

The seminar formed a part of the series of such seminars being held in different parts of the country involving the people representatives in formulating plans under the broader "flood action plans".

The participants touched upon specific problems and the way for their solution taking into account the distinct characteristics of a region or area while tackling the problems of flood and water management.

At times they gave varying opinion how best a problem in a particular locality could be solved but all agreed that the new and pro-people approach was something not only praiseworthy but will also be meaningful.

"This is the positive fruit of democracy" Begum Matia Chowdhury said adding that previously local problems were taken up for their solution

without any grass root level contacts and consequently, many projects proved infructuous and eventually floundered.

Begum Chowdhury particularly pointed out to the flash floods and said the consequences of this kind of flooding were more damaging than the normal floods.

The sands coming with the hills along with the flash floods cause additional problems, she said and urged the experts to look into the concept of "sandam" that has been adopted in Japan to solve the problem of sand.

Begum Matia Chowdhury referred to other problems including scarcity of waters during the lean season and called for effective schemes.

Dr Serajul Huq stressed that care should be taken so that an area was not affected due to the reactions of a scheme or project in another area. "This should not be hit for a solution of a water problem in that area," he said, and called for formulating coordinated plans.

adopted now was really noteworthy.

Abul Hasan Chowdhury said such seminars were laudable since they helped establish contacts at ground levels but cautioned that studies should not be left in cold storage since the experiences about seminars in this country were not one of happy one.

Mirza Azam said river erosion posed a serious problem and this had already devoured one fourth of his constituency threatening the thana headquarters.

Pramode Mankin said woes caused to the people by flash floods needed paramount consideration since the effects of this problem knew no bounds.

Chief Engineer of the Water Development Board Abdus Salam said the results of current exercise of different components of the flood action plan could be felt in the near future. The studies are not left in files, he said adding that many of the studies had been put into implementation by this time.

The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) is involved in the study of the North East Regional Project (FAP-6).



Information Minister Nazmul Huda addressing a function of a foreign private shipping lines at a local hotel in Dhaka on Thursday. — PID photo.

Shipping Intelligence

CHITTAGONG PORT

Berth position and performance of vessels as on 18.02.93

Berth No	Name of Vessels	Cargo	L. Port	Local Agent	Date of Arrival	Date of Leaving
J/1	Samudra Rani	Repair	Col	SSL	20/2	20/2
J/2	Komsomlets					
	Rostsi GI	Pena	Sunbeam		25/2	20/2
J/3	Sun Speed	GI	Hang	MEL	16/2	20/2
J/4	Tiger Hope	GI	Hang	Prog	16/2	21/2
J/5	Sidi Bishr	Sugar	Pena	MMI	25/1	22/2
J/6	Trans America	Hephr	BKK	BOWL	08/1	22/2
J/8	J Sister	Urea	S Hal	Seacom	05/2	22/2
J/9	Horn	GI	Busan	Prog	13/2	25/2
J/10	Endurance					
	Sea	Repair	Agiba	EOSL	25/1	25/2
J/12	Al Salma	Cement/CI	Pena	ASL	09/2	25/2
J/13	Vector	R Seed	Rouen	Royal	10/2	19/2
HPB/1	NGS Ranger	Cont	Sing	BDShip	16/2	20/2
CCJ	Sea Rhaphody	C Clink	Vish	UMAL	10/2	19/2
GSJ	Vinta	Wheat (G)	Agua	R/A		
TSP	Freedom					
	Venture	R Phos	Agua	SSST	13/2	20/2
RM/5	Sandgate	HSD	Sing	MSPSL	15/2	19/2
DDJ	Banglar Shourabh	C Oil		ESC	R/A	18/2
DDJ/1	Barge: Labroy-90	GI	Sing	ILA	31/1	28/2
DDJ/2	Banglar Asha	Repair		ESC	R/A	22/2

VESSELS DUE AT OUTER ANCHORAGE

Name of Vessels	Date of Arrival	Last Port	Local Agent	Cargo	Loading Port
Al Tabith	18/93	SW	Bright	Cement	Cig
Hartford	18/93		SRL	R/T	That
Asian Express	19/93	Cal	B Day	GI	
Yom Bun Jin	19/93	Bark	Bright	Cement	
Alam Sempurna	19/93	C Town	OTL	W Poles	
Selgon-1	19/93	Tuti	OSTC	Gencat	Cig
Shenton	19/93	Sing	Omni	Cont	Sing
Marine Three	19/93	Tuti	BML	Cement	
Andreas-V	19/93	Long	Khansoms	Cement	
State of Tripura	20/93	Mad	SSL	GI	
Mukachevo	20/93		USTC	Cement	
Oiga-1	20/93		USTC	For Bankeritig	
Knud Jespersen	20/93	Sing	CT	Cont	Sing
Fong Yun	20/93	Sing	BDShip	Cont	Sing
Banglar Kiron	20/93	Mong	ESC	GL	Qiba
Akhtis Breeze	20/93	Sing	BSC	Copra	
Optima	21/93	Sing	RSL	Cont	Sing
Continent	21/93	Mong	Cal	P Mat	Sum
Banglar Shobha	21/93	S Hal	ESC	GI	
Xiang He	21/93	Long	Chartered	Cement	
Banglar Robi	22/93	Sing	ESC	Cont	
Gold Future	22/93		AML	GL	Mapu
Safina-e-Islam-2	22/93		ASLL	GI/GL	Karachi
Safina-e-Najam	22/93	Kara	ASLL	GI/GL	
Stonewall Jackson	26/93		Karna	GI	New York
Qing He Cheng	23/93	S Hal	BDShip	GI	
Blue Ocean	23/93	Kara	BOA	GI	Yangon
Chandidas	23/93		SSL	GI/GL	UK Cont
Ingenuity	23/93	Sing	RSL	Cont	Ports
Vidhan Aasha	24/93		SSL	GI/GL	Ports
Andrian Goncharov	24/93		CT	Cont	Sing
Fong Shin	25/93	Sing	BDShip	Cont	Sing
Myrtishe	25/93		USTC	Cement	
Orsha	25/93		USTC	Cement	
Gaeu	25/93		EBPL	GI	
NGS Express	25/93	Mong	BDShip	Cont	Sing
Samudra Raj	25/93		SSL	GI	
Kota Dhama	25/93	SMG	CTS	Cont	Sing

VESSELS AT KUTUBDIA

Name of Vessels	Cargo	Last Port	Local Agent	Date of Arrival
Aspiros	C Oil	Hebe	DSLL	11/2
Banglar Jyoti	C Oil	JSC	BSC	R/A (17/2)

VESSELS AT OUTER ANCHORAGE

READY ON				
That Binc	C Clink	Alba	UMAL	15/2
Meng Hornig	Cont	Sing	BDShip	16/2

VESSELS NOT READY				
Artu	GTSP (P)	Ind	H&SL	16/1
Tarbela	Cement	Sing	BSC	11/2
Alam Tenang	Cement	Sing	H&H	15/2
Linc	Cement	Sing	Paragon	17/2

VESSELS AWAITING EMPLOYMENT/INSTRUCTION

NIL				
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VESSELS NOT ENTERING

Name of Vessels	Cargo	Last Port	Local Agent	Date of Arrival
Meringa	Scrapping	Vism	UMAL	1/1
Arbon	GTSP (P)	Sing	H&SL	24/12
Trans Asia		Sing	ROAL	1/2
Disposers	Wheat (G)	N Or	Agua	06/02
Al Tajwar	Wheat (G)		Agua	R/A
Sea Progress	Cement	Padra	AML	15/2

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

Exchange Rates

The following are the Commercial Banks' BC selling and TT (C), OD transfer buying rates for some selected foreign currencies effective on February 19 and 20. (Figures in Taka)

Currency	Selling B.C.	T.T. (C)	Buying OD Transfers
US Dollar	39.1326	38.9087	38.6339
Pound Sterling	56.5489	56.2414	55.882
DM	14.1068	23.9615	23.7923
FF	7.1053	7.0608	7.0110
S Riyal	10.4641	10.4842	10.3501
D Guilders	21.4085	21.2744	21.1241
S Kroner	5.2675	5.2304	5.1534
Singapore Dollar	23.8395	23.7031	23.5357
UAE Dirham	10.6911	10.8295	10.5348
Kuwait Dinar	127.2592	126.5311	125.6374
Indian Rupee (AMU)	1.4922	1.4835	1.4781
Pak Rupee (AMU)	1.4860	1.4793	1.4719

Authorized dealers will apply T T clean buying rate for purchase of remittances of Bangladeshis working abroad. Note: AMU—Asian Monetary Union.

Dhaka Stock Prices

Weekly review: At the close of tradings on February 11 and February 18, 1993

Company	FV/ML*	February 11		February 18	
		Taka	Taka	Taka	Taka
BANKS (10)					
Al Baraka Bank	1000/1	890.00	925.00	1150.00	850.00
A.B Bank	100/5	186.00	186.00	215.00	180.00
City Bank	100/5	270.00	270.00	305.00	270.00
I.F.I.C	100/5	170.00	172.00	185.00	150.00
Islami Bank	1000/1	1700.00	1663.64	1700.00	1400.00
National Bank	100/5	99.00	100.33	122.50	97.00
Islami Bank	100/5	100.00	101.00	75.00	95.00
Rupali Bank	100/10	73.50	73.14	110.00	73.00
U.C.B.L.	100/5	120.00	120.00	121.00	118.00
Uttara Bank	100/5	95.00	100.00	135.00	95.00

INVESTMENT (08)					
ICB	100/5	85.00	85.00	103.00	79.00
1st ICB M.Fund	100/5	350.00	350.00	400.00	340.00
2nd ICB Fund	100/5	163.00	164.00	204.00	161.00
3rd ICB M. Fund	100/5	147.00	145.00	181.00	136.00
4th ICB M. Fund	100/10	93.00	145.00	158.00	135.00
5th ICB M. Fund	100/10	63.00	91.16	109.00	85.00
6th ICB M. Fund	100/10	63.00	61.92	87.00	56.00
Unit Certificate		116.00	117.00		
Re-purchase		111.00	112.00		

INSURANCE (04)					
BGC	100/10	154.00	156.03	174.00	137.00
Green Delta	100/10	168.11	166.00	160.00	135.00
Peoples	100/10	196.00	205.00	196.00	137.00
United	100/10	191.44	180.38	195.00	145.00

ENGINEERING (19)					
Alfab Automobiles	100/5	178.00	175.00	265.00	158.00
Atlas Bangladesh	10/50	44.00	43.80	64.00	39.00
Adz Pipes	100/5	226.88	229.00	319.00	200.00
Bangladesh Autocars/100/5		60.00	60.00	113.00	46.00
Bangladesh Lamps/100/5		171.25	150.00	310.00	170.00
B. Thal Alumintum/100/10		79.00	78.00	138.00	70.00
Bengal Carbide	100/5	260.00	260.00	269.50	260.00
Bengal Steel	10/50	20.00	20.00	20.00	18.00
Eastern Cables	100/5	75.00	73.50	100.00	72.00
Howlader PVC	100/10	112.68	96.00	122.00	87.00
Karim Pipe	100/5	91.00	89.00	190.00	91.00
Metalex Corp.	100/5	45.00	44.00	105.00	43.00
Monno Staffers	10/05	150.00	150.00	220.00	150.00
Monno Jute	100/5	220.00	220.00	260.00	220.00
National Tubes	100/10	67.13	75.42	122.00	60.00
Panther Steel	10/50	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
Quasem Drycells	10/50	9.50	9.30	12.75	9.00
Renwick Jaineswar	100/5	79.00	79.00	105.00	74.00
Singer Bangladesh	100/5	830.00	870.00	900.00	765.00

FOOD & ALLIED (23)					
AB Discult	100/5	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Alpha Tobacco	10/50	46.00	46.00	48.00	40.00
Aman Sea Food	100/5	20.00	18.00	23.00	20.00
Apex Food	100/5	650.00	650.00	700.00	450.00
Aroma Tea	100/5	60.00	60.00	75.00	55.00
Bargas	100/5	160.00	160.00	160.00	160.00
Bengal Food	100/5	500.00	500.00	193.50	123.00
B D Plantation	100/5	139.00	132.84	550.00	550.00
B.L.T.C.	100/5	500.00	500.00	500.00	400.00
B.T.C.	10/50	60.00	61.00	62.00	58.00