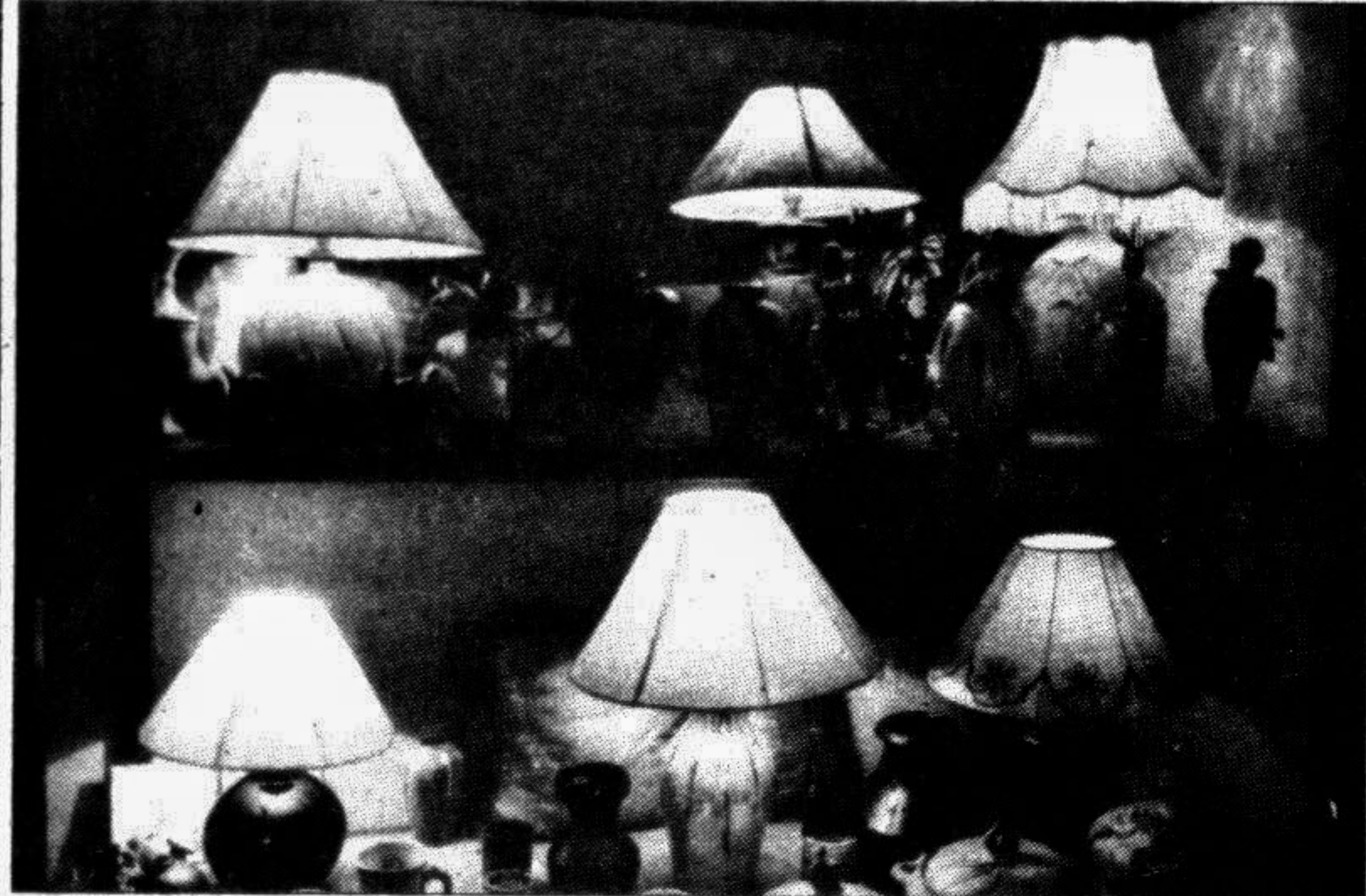


## Dhaka Day by Day

# Light and Shade

by Rashed Mahmud Titumir



Lampshades make a mystery of light.

— Star photo

The concept of light and shade is more a matter of mystery, magic and stage performance than of a nuts-and-bolts reality. To add to the notion, perhaps, Plato, the Greek philosopher defined light as 'the shadow of God.' Whether it is spiritually allegorical or not, it is difficult to define, people have always tried to find the visual and auditory expression of it in distinctive art forms — music, dance, plays, films, paintings, sculpture and architectural shapes.

And so it happens in the case of artistic lampshades, ceramic craft collection and home decorating products in Dhaka.

Lampshades have become one of the most essential items for home decoration in the '90s. Until recently, lovers of sumptuous embellishment had to get high quality products from abroad.

Artifacts of Dhanmondi holds a central position in the artistic lampshade market. Moreover, the shop is a trend-setter.

"We, ourselves, can do it. Why should we import?" says Sharifuddin Ahmed who started Artifacts two years ago. "Originally, the idea struck me while I was working for an interior decoration firm that used to supply imported lampshades," recalls the 30-year-old entrepreneur.

The choice of people is very dynamic. And it changes with time and space. "Earlier, we had lampshades of wood and brass work. But those have failed to satisfy the growing need and ever-changing taste of the consumers," says Ahmed.

According to him, a consumer first asks himself or herself the fundamental question: "Why I want to decorate and in which way?"

"Most of the buyers want to single out the lamp. So, we make lamps of different designs

and sizes with various shades," adds Ahmed. At present, the trend in the market is towards porcelain lamps of single colour. They are now being made of mud, porcelain, ceramic, stone, wood etc and painted using various mediums including water colour, brush print, hand print and terra cotta.

The shades come in a wide array of shapes—round, oval, drum, square—they are all there. They are made of off-white, white and other light coloured fabrics.

The young prefer small sized ones and as prices depend on per unit height, porcelain lamps sell better amongst families. Strong coloured lampshades sell well, as do soft tones and those printed with flowers, combining two or more colours.

"The lamp market for ceremonies, including birth and marriage anniversaries and weddings, has other characteristics," says Ahmed. Custom-made lamps in special sizes, style and hues, as suggested by the customers, enjoy popularity in that market.

There is, according to Ahmed, the specialty segment. This market is largely made of bulk buyers, i.e. luxury hotels, restaurants, business offices, who buy expensive lampshades and place them in fancy arrangements.

"However, the market is, as yet, not well developed. This is because constraints on both counts — consumers' inability to enhance the purchasing power and higher cost of productions — limit the market within a segment of society."

When a customer, Fatema Doel, was asked why she preferred buying lampshades to other decoration pieces, she replied, "It is the light and shade, which keep life away from the mundane world and make it ethereal."

## Move to revive tea market

# Govt plans to send trade team to Pakistan, Poland

In a bid to revive the country's tea market hit severely by poor production and low international price, the government is planning to send a trade mission to Pakistan and Poland, reports UNB.

Officials said the mission, to be led by a joint secretary of the Commerce Ministry, will try to ensure strong presence of the two major buyers of Bangladesh tea in Chittagong auction market.

Besides officials of the ministry and the Tea Board, the mission will include representatives of Bangladesh Tea Traders' Association and Bangladesh Cha Sangsad, an organisation of tea planters.

According to the trade circles, Bangladesh's low-yield tea sector is facing a crisis as a record production in the world's tea growing regions had pushed its prices to one of the lowest in recent years.

They said that it would be very tough to motivate the buyers of Pakistan and Poland to come to the country's loan auction market in Chittagong as South India, which produced a huge surplus during the last season, was luring the tea buyers

with cheap price. The country's export earnings from tea dropped from 41.14 million US dollar in 1992-93 to 38.18 million US dollar in 1993-94.

A total of Tk 12.10 crore was earned from tea export in the first two months of the current financial year (1994-95).

In the backdrop of reduced earnings from tea export, the 26th meeting of the Export Promotion Council on September 1 last slashed the tea export target by 5 million dls from 40 million dls.

The Commerce Ministry in a recent meeting discussed the issue and emphasised on extending necessary cooperation and support to the growers and exporters of tea.

The ministry is planning to create an export refinancing scheme for the country's tea exporters.

An official of the Commerce Ministry said the mission will hold discussion with concerned officials of the two countries for duty concession and lowering tariff for Bangladesh tea.

## 3 killed in separate road accidents

By DMCH Correspondent

At least three persons were killed and three others injured in separate incidents in the city yesterday.

A pedestrian was killed when a speeding minibus ran over him at Khapara, Khilkhet yesterday morning.

The victim, Samiron, 35, was seriously injured and died shortly after admission to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).

In another incident, an unknown pedestrian was killed under the wheels of a speeding vehicle at Satmasjid road at about 6:30 am. The victim, aged 75, was fatally injured and rushed to the Bangladesh Medical College Hospital where he died after admission.

One Mohammad Akter Hossain, 17, was killed when a speeding minibus knocked him down at Sanir Akhra.

The victim was seriously injured and sent to the DMCH where he succumbed to his injuries.

All the bodies were sent to the DMCH morgue for autopsy.

A mechanic was injured when a group of bullies stabbed him near Basundhara Housing Society in the city yesterday afternoon.

The victim, Shaheb Ali, 40, received stab injuries in his throat and was admitted to the DMCH.

Relatives said he was stabbed due to prior enmity. One Mohammad Alimuddin, 50, received stab injuries when a group of drunken persons stabbed him at Khilgaon at about 5 pm yesterday.

Alimuddin who received stab injuries in his back and hands was admitted to the DMCH.

In another incident, Rina, 20, received bullet injuries at Hajaribagh under Lalbagh police station at about 6:30 pm yesterday. Rina who received bullet injuries in her left hand was admitted to the DMCH.

The victim said that when she was walking on the roof of their house, suddenly a bullet hit her left hand.



Outgoing president of the Rotaract Club of Dhaka Buriganga, Siddique Rahman, addressing the 5th installation ceremony of the club at the Sonargaon Hotel in the city yesterday. From right to left — Rtn Md Jahangir Alami, Rtn Dr A Majeed Khan, Mainul Hossain, Bar at-Law also seen. — Star photo

## Body of fertiliser exporters' formed

Country's urea fertiliser exporters have formed an association titled "Bangladesh Fertiliser Exporters Association," reports UNB.

Muhammad Aziz Khan of the Summit Group of Companies was made convener of the first ad-hoc executive committee of the association, presently under registration.

Other office bearers are: Aminur Rashid Khan of Desh Trading Corporation and Syed S Hussain — joint convener, W R Chowdhury — treasurer, A Y Md Kamal, M A Bari and Syed Abdullah Tuhin — executive committee members.

## Non-formal edn programme for slum children

Primary and Mass Education Department has taken up a non-formal education programme to educate children and juveniles living at various urban slums, reports UNB.

The department will implement the programme with the assistance of different NGOs.

Meanwhile, INFEP, an NGO, has installed a Basic and Juvenile Education Centre at Tilpara in the city.

Another NGO, the Child Health Foundation, has also launched 10 similar projects.



Rtn PDG Aziz-ul-Haq (sitting 2nd R) and Rtn Emdadul Huque DGN (sitting 3rd R) with trainees of a free computer course held in the city recently. The course for the deaf was organised by the Dhaka Association of the Deaf and sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Dhaka, Port Phillip Melbourne, Australia and Rotary Foundation at Tech Plus Computers Ltd.



## Dhaka City Corporation

আপনার পরিবেশ সুন্দর ও পরিচ্ছন্ন রাখুন  
আপনার শিশুকে টিকা দিন

## Invitation for bid (2nd Time)

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a Loan No.942 BAN(SF) from the Asian Development Bank towards the cost of Dhaka Urban Infrastructure Improvement Project (DUIIP). It is intended that part of proceeds of this Loan shall be applied to eligible payments for procurement of vehicle under this contract. Mode of purchase shall be International Shopping (IS).

The Dhaka City Corporation being an implementing Agency of the Dhaka Urban Infrastructure Improvement Project (DUIIP) now invited sealed tender from eligible bidders for the following:

SL.No. Name of work/supply Quantity  
1. Supply of Jeep (New) 1 No.

Bidding document for the above mentioned Jeep may be purchased by any interested eligible bidder from the undersigned and from all Zonal offices as well as Accounts Section of Dhaka City Corporation on all working days during office hours on payment of Tk. 1,000/- (Taka one thousand) up to 17-10-94. No tender document will be sold on the date fixed for the submission of the bid.

All bids must be accompanied by a bid money in the form of Pay Order or Bank Draft in favour of Mayor, Dhaka City Corporation for sum of taka not less than 2 (two) per cent of total bid price delivered on or before 12-00 Noon (local time) on 18-10-94. The bids shall be received by the undersigned and in all Zonal offices of Dhaka City Corporation and the same shall be publicly opened at 14-00 hours on the same day in presence of the bidders or their representatives who choose to be present.

Dhaka City Corporation shall in no way be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of bids.

Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information on the bid for and inspect the bidding document from the office of the Project Director, Dhaka Urban Infrastructure Improvement Project (DUIIP), Dhaka City Corporation, Dhaka and from the office of the undersigned.

The authority is not bound to accept the lowest bid and reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without assigning any reason thereof.

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Sd/-  
Executive Engineer  
Mechanical Division-I  
Dhaka City Corporation



## BPDB's International Tender Notice

বিদ্যুৎ বিল নিয়মিত পরিশোধ করুন

International sealed tenders are hereby invited by the Bangladesh Power Development Board for procurement of HYDRAZINE HYDRATE AND HYDROGEN GAS for following Power Stations. The source of financing will be Cash Foreign Exchange Allocation.

Sl No	Tender No.	Description of Materials	Cost of Tender Documents	Submission of Tender Date and Time	Opening of Tender Date and Time
1	Pur-359/94	Hydrazine Hydrate for Chittagong 60 MW Power Station	Tk 200/-	14-11-94 at 11-00 AM	14-11-94 at 11-30 AM
2	Pur-354/94	Hydrogen Gas Filled Bottle for 128 MW Ashuganj Power Station	Tk 300/-	15-11-94 at 11-00 AM	15-11-94 at 11-30 AM

A complete set of tender document will be purchased by interested bidder from 03-10-94 to 12-11-94 on submission of written application and upon payment of non-refundable fee for Taka mentioned above against each tender in the shape of Bank Draft/Pay Order favouring Director of Purchase, PDB, Dhaka.

2% Bid Bond of the offered price shall be submitted along with tender.

Tender will be received up to 11-00 AM and will be opened at 11-30 AM in presence of the intending bidder or their representative, if any. No tender shall be sent by post and no telex offer will be acceptable.

Bid/Jan 336/5/94/95

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Director of Purchase  
PDB, Dhaka

## Weather

### Moderate rain likely

Light to moderate rain or thundershower is likely at a few places over Dhaka, Khulna, Chittagong, Barisal and Rajshahi divisions during the next 24 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Meanwhile, Khepupara experienced the highest 51 mm rain during the last 12 hours till 6 pm yesterday. Patuakhali had 39 mm, Barisal and Khulna had 25 mm each, Dhaka 22 mm and Mymensingh 19 mm shower during the period.

The country's highest temperature, 34.3 degree Celsius, was recorded at Ishurdi and the lowest, 21.8 degrees, at Comilla.

The sun sets today at 5:41 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:52 am.

Maximum and minimum temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday are given below:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius	Humidity in percentage
	Max	Min
Dhaka	31.0	24.0
Chittagong	33.2	24.2
Rajshahi	33.7	24.5
Khulna	32.0	24.0
Barisal	31.0	24.5
Sylhet	31.5	22.4
Cox's Bazar	32.6	24.8

## Children Rights Week ends

By Staff Correspondent

President Abdur Rahman Biswas said yesterday the government had taken up various programmes with the aim of saving nearly 2.5 lakh children annually from premature deaths.

Addressing as chief guest the concluding session of the "Children Rights Week '94" programmes undertaken by the Ministry of Women and Children's Affairs, President Biswas said the government programmes for the welfare of mothers and children would have a far-reaching impact.

"We have to take into consideration the plight of the children as they are the first victims of any danger," he noted. Chaired by the State Minister for Women and Children's Affairs Sarwari Rahman, the function was also addressed by the secretary of the ministry.

## Govt of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

### Office of the Superintending Engineer

### PWD E/M Circle-II, Dhaka

Memo No. 13-49/465

Dated : 21-9-94/6-140

## Notice Inviting Tender

### No. 3 (94-95)

Sealed cover tender notice for the undermentioned work are hereby invited in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 from PWD enlisted special 1st class and class I/I E/M contractors those have got valid ABC/BC contractory & supervisory licence from Bangladesh Licencing Board and also has VAT registration. The tenders will be received in the tender box placed in the office of the Superintending Engineer, PWD E/M Circle-II, Dhaka, Executive Engineer, PWD E/M Division-IV/V/VI/PWD Eden Building Division, Dhaka up to 12-00 Noon on 17-10-94 and opened on the same date at 12-30 PM in presence of the tenderers or their authorised representative (who may like to remain present). The tender schedule and terms & conditions will be available on cash payment of Tk. 425/- (Four hundred twenty five) only (non-refundable) from the office of the Executive Engr. PWD E/M Division IV/V/VI/PWD Eden Building Division, Dhaka during office hours for each group up to 16-10-94 last. Earnest money @2% (Two per cent) of the total estimated amount in the shape of BD/CD/PO/SDR of any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Executive Engineer, PWD E/M Division-VI, Dhaka shall have to be furnished along with the tender.

The undersigned reserves the right to accept any tender or reject all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof. The contractor or their authorised person/representative can purchase tender papers after showing the contractors up to date registration book and other necessary relevant papers. The tender will be in a sealed cover superscribing the name of work.

Gr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Time Allowed
1	Providing E.I in the 800 sq ft (5 storied 10 Units) Govt Staff Qtrs. in the compound of Paikpara Staff Quarters, Mirpur under the scheme construction of 1000 flats for Govt. officers/staff at different places in Dhaka City.	Tk. 2,55,741/32	Tk. 5,114/83	90 (Ninety days).

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Superintending Engineer  
PWD E/M Circle-II, Dhaka

## নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

১। বাংলাদেশ সেনাবাহিনীর "সিপনাল কোর্সে" নিম্নলিখিত বেসামরিক পদে নিয়োগের জন্য প্রার্থী নির্বাচনের নিমিত্ত প্রত্যেক পদের সামনে উল্লিখিত যোগ্যতাসম্পন্ন প্রকৃত বাংলাদেশী (সর্বশ্রেণী জেলার) পুরুষ নাগরিকদের নিকট হইতে দরখাস্ত আহবান করা যাইতেছে।

ক্রমিক নং	পদনাম	পদের সংখ্যা	শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা	৩০ নবেম্বর '৯৪ তারিখে বয়স	নিজ জেলা	বেতন স্কেল
১	২	৩	৪	৫	৬	৭
ক।	এক্সচেঞ্জ অপারেটর	০৭ টি	এইচএসসি	১৮ হইতে ৩০ বৎসর	চট্টগ্রাম-২ গাজীপুর-১ ফেনী-১ রাজশাহী/ দিনাজপুর-১ মাদারীপুর-১ নরসিংদী-১	১২০০-২৩০৫ টাকা
খ।	টেলিকম মেকানিক (টিসিএম-১)	০১ টি	এইচএসসি (বিজ্ঞান)। টেলিকম মেকানিক বিষয়ে কৃতিত্বসম্পন্ন হইতে হইবে।	১৮-৩০ বৎসর	ময়মনসিংহ-১	১৩০০-২৬১৫ টাকা
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চ।	মসালতী	০২ টি	লিথিতে ও পড়িতে সমর্থ	১৮-৩০ বৎসর	বগুড়া-১ মৌলভীবাজার-১	৯০০-১৫০০ টাকা

২। অনুচ্ছেদ ১-এর ক্রমিক নং 'ক'তে উল্লিখিত 'এক্সচেঞ্জ অপারেটর' পদের জন্য মহিলা প্রার্থীদের নিকট হইতেও দরখাস্ত আহবান করা যাইতেছে।

৩। প্রার্থীর বৃত্তে লিখিত দরখাস্তে নিজ নাম, পিতার নাম, বর্তমান ও স্থায়ী ঠিকানা, জন্ম তারিখ, ৩০ নবেম্বর '৯৪ তারিখে বয়স, জাতীয়তা এবং সমস্ত শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতার বিবরণ উল্লেখপূর্বক সদ্য তোলা ৩০(তিন) কপি পাসপোর্ট সাইজের ছবি, জাতীয়তা সনদপত্র (সর্বশ্রেণী জেলার স্থায়ী বাসিন্দা উল্লেখসহ), সমস্ত শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতার সনদপত্রের সত্যায়িত কপি এবং ০২(দুই) টাকার ডাক চিকিৎসা সনদপত্র প্রার্থীর বর্তমান যোগাযোগের ঠিকানা সংবলিত একটি খাম সংযুক্ত করিয়া দরখাস্ত "অফিসার ইনচার্জ" সিপনাল রেকর্ডস, যশোর সেনানিবাস, যশোর-এর ঠিকানায় আনান। ২০ অক্টোবর '৯৪ তারিখের মধ্যে পৌঁছাইতে হইবে। উপরোক্ত অনুচ্ছেদ ১-এর 'খ'-এ উল্লিখিত পেশার আবেদনকারীগণকে নিম্নলিখিত নির্দিষ্ট তারিখে সকাল ০৮০০ ঘটিকায় সিপনাল বেস ওয়ার্কশপ, ঢাকা সেনানিবাসে এবং অনুচ্ছেদ ১-এর 'ক', 'গ', 'ঘ', 'ঙ' এবং 'চ'-এ উল্লিখিত পেশার আবেদনকারীগণকে সকাল ০৮০০ ঘটিকায় সিপনাল ট্রেনিং সেন্টার এবং ফুল, যশোর সেনানিবাসে নির্বাচনী লিখিত পরীক্ষার অংশগ্রহণের নিমিত্ত উপস্থিত থাকিতে হইবে। নির্বাচনী লিখিত পরীক্ষার জন্য কলম ও উত্তরপত্র হিসাবে ব্যবহারের জন্য ০৩(তিন) পাতা ফুল ক্রেন সাইজের সাদা কাগজ সঙ্গে আনিতে হইবে। লিখিত ও মৌখিক পরীক্ষার অংশগ্রহণের সময় সকল প্রকার সনদপত্রের মূল কপি সঙ্গে আনিতে হইবে।

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ক।	অনুচ্ছেদ ১-এর ক্রমিক নং 'খ'-এ উল্লিখিত পদের আবেদনকারীদের জন্য।	২৫ অক্টোবর '৯৪	সিপনাল বেস ওয়ার্কশপ, ঢাকা সেনানিবাস
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৪। উল্লেখ্য যে, সরকারী/আধাসরকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানে চাকরিতে প্রার্থীদের যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষের মাধ্যমে আবেদন করিতে হইবে। লিখিত পরীক্ষার নির্বাচিত প্রার্থীদেরকেই কেবলমাত্র মৌখিক পরীক্ষা/সাক্ষাৎকারের জন্য ডাকা হইবে। নির্বাচনী লিখিত ও মৌখিক পরীক্ষার অংশগ্রহণের জন্য কোন প্রকার ব্যতায়ত/দৈনিক ভাতা দেওয়া হইবে না।

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