

**Intestinal diseases claim lives of 9 in Gaibandha**

From Our Correspondent  
GAIBANDHA, Oct 18: Intestinal diseases claimed 21 lives at Palashbari and Gobindaganj thana and over four thousand others have been attacked with the diseases, according to unofficial sources, however, officials admitted death of nine in the affected areas.

With the recession of flood water diarrhoea and dysentery spread in large scale in different flood affected areas as the people used contaminated food and water. The situation turned into an epidemic form at Palashbari and Gobindaganj areas.

Till October 13 at Palashbari thana three persons died of intestinal diseases and over one thousand attacked with the diseases. On the other hand, 18 persons including women and children died of intestinal diseases at Gobindaganj thana and over three thousand have been attacked with the diseases. District health department however, admitted death of nine persons according to a NGO survey conducted at Gobindaganj thana. The areas where diseases spread alarmingly are Darbasha, Taluk-Kanupur, Nakal, Hari-rampur unions.

**Clash leaves six seriously injured**

From Our Correspondent  
GAIBANDHA, Oct 18: Six persons received injuries recently in a clash after chasing and counter chasing between two groups over the issue of a meeting in connection with no confidence motion against chairman of Rakhai Buruj union.

On October 11 a meeting was scheduled to be held at the intervention of TNO but the members of the said union requested for shifting the date and urged to ensure their security. Accordingly police was informed to look into the matter.

On the day at about 11 a.m. about hundred supporters of the chairman brought out a procession reportedly armed with lethal weapons. As a counter one rival supporters brought out another procession against the chairman. Soon there ensued chasing and counter chasing using lethal weapons that turned into a clash in which six persons including the Chairman, Farazuddin Sarker sustained injuries. Later police brought the situation under control. But a tense situation continued for the next three days.

**HUNGER PROCESSION**  
Hundreds of peasants at the call of Bhumihien Samity of Shaghata thana brought out a hunger procession demanding food and work recently.

**Non-govt schools facing numerous problems in Patuakhali**  
From Our Correspondent  
PATUAKHALI, Oct 18: Almost all the non-government high schools of the district have been facing innumerable problems hampering education greatly.

Shortage of furniture and accommodation, lack of educational appliances, fund constraints and lack of requisite number of teachers are the main problems.

Some of these schools established under local initiative have not received government recognition despite provisions of requisite facilities. Meanwhile, a few of them are facing closure due to fund constraints.

Accommodation problem is acute and many students are to attend their classes standing due to lack of necessary benches and tables.

Many school houses damaged by cyclones and floods some years back are yet to be repaired much to the inconvenience of students and teachers who are forced to attend classes under the open sky.

**Extensive pest attack damaging aman crops**

From Our Correspondent  
JAMALPUR, Oct. 18: The standing aman paddy on about 50,000 acres of land have been attacked by pests in seven thanas of the district.

The pests locally known as 'lal poka' 'pamri poka' 'lada poka' 'shis poka' and 'kalu mazra poka', a kind of brown grasshopper attacked the above mentioned aman paddy field, in various parts of the district.

An affected farmers informed that after the attack the green paddy plant turn yellowish and subsequently becomes straw.

According to an unofficial sources, out of the affected areas 5500 acres are in Jamalpur sadar, 6540 acres are in Melandah, 4300 acres in Madarganj, 5200 acres in Islampur, 3000 acres are in Bakshiganj, 2700 acres are in Dewanganj and 4700 acres are in Sarishabari thanas. The official sources, however confirmed that about 3000 acres of land had been attacked by pests in the thanas.

It was reported that the staff of the Agriculture Department prepare the report on the basis of the information supplied by the Block-Supervisors who have got no knowledge about the insects. Although the pests are attacking new fields, the concerned people are yet to take any steps to curb the menace.

The farmers informed that the spray insecticide crisis in the all thana agricultural offices. Experienced quarters opinionated that if the government do not take any effective measures immediately, the situation may get out of control.

The farmers of the affected areas can not afford to buy the required quantity of pesticides which are being sold in the local markets at an exorbitant price.

Confirming the extensive pest attack in seven thanas of the district, the agriculture office informed The Daily Star that they were making their best effort to stop the menace but due to shortage of pesticides and spray machines the drive is very much hampered.

The farmers informed that after information, no staff of the Agriculture Department visited the affected areas.

The farmers also informed that the pesticides sold in the open market, are not pure for which it does not act properly.

Our correspondent from Faridpur adds: About 65 thousand acres of land in five districts of greater Faridpur has been gravely affected by pest attack.

According to reports some 15 thousand acres of land was brought under aman paddy cultivation in Faridpur, 40 thousand acres in Rajbari, three thousand acres in

**Railway property recovered, one held**

From Our Correspondent  
GAIBANDHA, Oct 18: Railway security force in a drive recovered huge Railway property from village Sakoa adjacent to Bharatkhal Railway station and arrested one person in this connection.

On a secret information a contingent of Bonarpara and Teestamuk ghat security forces launched a joint drive at village Sakoa under Shaghata thana at the dead of the night recently. The contingent recovered two pieces of 40 feet long and six pieces of four feet long rails from a road side ditch. In this connection Asgar Ali was arrested by forces and they recovered some cutting instruments and equipment from his possession. Some other associates of arrested person, however, managed to flee.

It may be mentioned here that an organised gang of miscreants in collaboration of some dishonest railway employees have been lifting railway properties and fuel from Bonarpara, Bharatkhal and Teestamukghat siding since long.



JAMALPUR: Kazaikata, a non-government registered primary school was completely damaged by the tornado here on September 28. — Star photo

**Educational institutions not yet re-constructed**

From Our Correspondent  
JAMALPUR, Oct. 18: Erosion, flood and cyclone has left at least 312 educational institutions totally damaged in all the seven thanas of the district during the current financial year, it was learnt.

The damaged institutions include high schools, primary schools and madrasahs.

According to sources, the District Education Department is preparing a detailed report on the damage to be sent to the Ministry of Education for the fund necessary to repair and re-construct the damaged institutions.

Some 51 primary schools, one high school and one madrasa were completely damaged in Islampur and Dewanganj thana. While visiting some villages in these thanas The Daily Star Correspondent found some schools torn down to the earth.

The institutions of Madarganj thana were badly affected by the recent flood. While damage to the dwelling houses in this area were also extensive.

The re-construction work is yet to start due to the shortage of funds. The Facilities Department, Mymensingh, have sanctioned only Tk 92 lakh for the re-constructing of 15 primary schools in the district during the current fiscal.

The local people urged the present government to take immediate steps for the re-constructing of the institutions.

**About 30 rural markets in Pabna needs immediate development**

From Our Correspondent  
PABNA, Oct 18: As many as 30 big hats and bazars out of a total number of about 150, needs immediate improvement, modernisation and expansion in view of the growing volume of trade and commerce and also in view of the growing number buyers and sellers appearing in these rural trading centres of high importance throughout the district of Pabna.

All these 30 hats are not only too big but also bear tremendous commercial and other importance with some extraordinary features of their own and furthermore, they all have tremendous potential to develop further with the passage of time and gradual improvement in the rural communication network.

Of the above 30 big hats, Ataikula, Kashinathpur, Teburnia, Moaladuli, Dogachhi, Santhia-Boalmari, Nakalia Bera, Dhalanri, Arankhola, Hazirhat, Sujanagar, Satbaria, Chatmohar, Bhangoora, Banwarinagar, Demra, Nag Demra, Ekdanta, Dogachhi, Nagirganj have got special characteristics and all of them needs immediate expansion. Most of these hats are almost century-old and are also connected or linked with highways and other important roads.

These hats, due to lack of space needed to suit their present-day needs are very often found to sit on the roads and highways, creating tremendous traffic jams and also making road-traffic extremely hazardous. Road accidents are found to occur frequently and all these problems taken together make commercial activities full of problems. The buyers and sellers are very often found to face untold miseries. Traffic police needs to be posted for bringing order and discipline in the traffic system.

Besides, pucca floors and tin-shades, built long ago, are inadequate to meet the requirements. So, more areas are needed to be brought under pucca floor and tin-shade system so as to allow the traders to perform their job comfortably being free from heat of the scorching sun and also free from the showers of rain. Moreover, these places needs to be covered by pucca drainage network with regular washing and cleaning arrangements.

Commercial banks have already set up their branches near these hats but postal arrangements have not at all been modernised in spite of the dire need of the traders connected with these hats. Telegraphic and telephone arrangements also are now needed by the businessmen, some traders told this correspondent.

Robbery, dacoity, theft, extortion of money are all rampant in these hat areas. Security of the traders and others concerned needs to be ensured. But in spite of repeated complaints to their respective thanas and sometimes to the Superintendent of Police of the district have gone unheeded, it was alleged. The hat committees also are found to be helpless as armed gangs of criminals have allegedly grown around all the big hats and none dares open their mouth out of sheer fear of their lives. Leaders of several hat committees told this correspondent that they needed creation of permanent police camps at every hats and other business centres of the district.

Many traders, when interviewed by The Daily Star, alleged that these armed mastaans also illegally intervene in the process of leasing out these hats and thus the government revenue against leasing also fall abnormally. But the traders have to play tolls at abnormally high rates — higher than the rates fixed by the government. Nobody dares to raise their voice to protest as the mastaans are found to be nursed by very influential quarters and sometimes by the police as well.

**Unemployment on rise in Pabna**

From Ranesh Maitra  
PABNA, Oct 18: Rural unemployment became extremely a cute throughout the district of Pabna following continuous drought for long one and a half years followed by heavy floods that recurred for three occasions accompanied by incessant and heavy rainfalls which also lasted for about long three months.

This correspondent, while talking to a member of peasants, come to learn that the continuous drought which lasted for over a period of 18 months, destroyed huge crops grown in three consecutive seasons of cultivation rendering irreparable losses to them. Losses were, however, comparatively less in the irrigated areas than the un-irrigated areas.

Due to such widespread destruction of crops by the droughts, there was no work in the fields during its harvesting seasons, no work also during the next cultivation season as the soil, for want of moisture, went hard like rocks rendering its tilling quite impossible and so on. So there was no employment in the fields during these seasons too.

Again, when floods engulfed vast areas of the district in its six out of nine thanas, most of the standing crops were damaged. When the flood water receded farmers got them selves prepared for re-cultivation, but floods came again, inundated the areas afresh and cultivation had to be suspended. Again, the helpless farmers waited for recession of flood-water and drying up of the land but when again the soil was getting fit for cultivation, flood struck again with all its fury and inundated fresh the lands rendering cultivation quite impossible for the whole period and as a result, the whole season was lost.

Over and above, there was abnormally heavy rainfall this year, lasting for months together. This not only destroyed the standing crops but also, due to heavy water logging in all the low-lying areas, made cultivation quite impossible on vast areas which was not affected by floods.

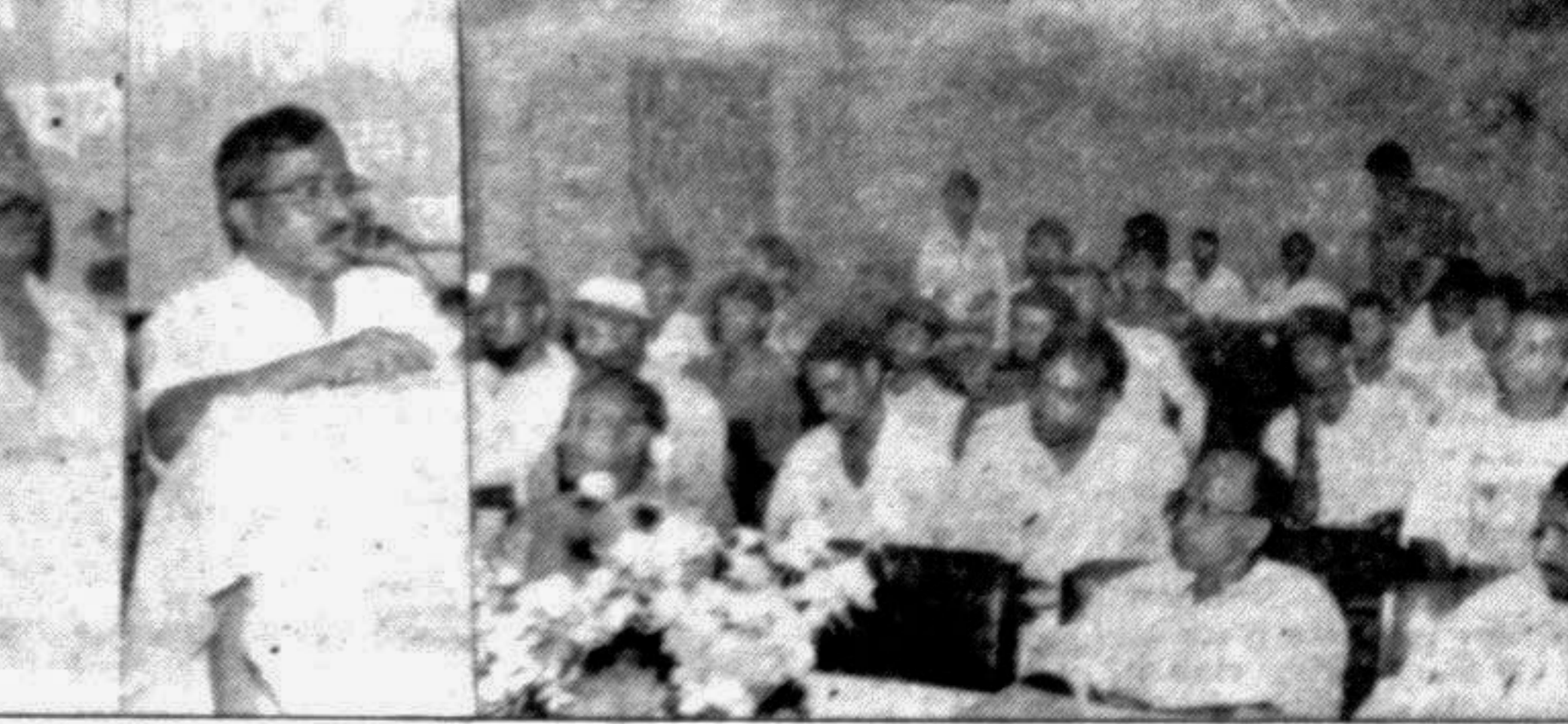
This, for last 21 months, it was noticed, there was almost no work in the fields.

The total population in Pabna district being about 20 lakhs covering nine thanas under it, about five lakhs are

**Road mishap: 25 injured**

From Our Correspondent  
JHENIDAH, Sept 18: At least 25 persons were injured while a Jessore bound passenger bus dashed a roadside tree near Talshar in Kotchandpur thana of the district recently, it is learnt.

According to reports, when the bus no. Dhaka metro-Cha-4101 reached near the place of occurrence, suddenly dashed a roadside tree and 25 passengers received injuries. Of them 12 were admitted to Kotchandpur thana health complex and rest were released after first aid, sources said.



JHENIDAH: (From left to right) Al-haj Khairul Bashar, Chairman Editorial Board, Principal Aminur Rahman Tuku, Editor 'The Dainik Jhenidah' and Anisur Rahman Khoka Chairman Jhenidah pourasabha delivering speeches on the occasion of day long training course and conference of the journalists of the daily at Jhenidah Press Club. — Star photo

**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Female Secondary School Assistance Project**  
Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education  
Ministry of Education  
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No. FSSAP/Fin/TAC/ Firm-91/95/251  
Date: 15-10-95

**Sub: Appointment of Consulting Firm for undertaking research studies in the specified areas for assessing the impact on the society on Female Stipend Program.**

Applications are invited for appointing of a local Consulting Firm for undertaking 6 (six) studies under IDA Credit (No. 2469-BD) fund to assess the impact of introducing the Nationwide Female Stipend Program particularly under Female Secondary School Assistance Project.

- Areas of Studies
  - Assessing the impact of the stipend program on enrolment, dropout, delayed marriage, employment etc. and how it effects the gender ratios;
  - Assessing the economic attractiveness of the project from the perspective of the School and Impact of tuition reimbursement on total school income;
  - Assessing the present disbursement procedures and financial attractiveness of the project to participating Banks and possibility of simplification of the procedures in future and the difficulties of students reaching banks located at a distance;
  - The practical impossibility for many girls to achieve 75% attendance and 45% marks;
  - Why do some individual schools or thanas or districts perform less well than average and why some schools perform better than average;
  - How effective are Thana Project Offices, School Managing Committees, Parent Teachers' Associations & Thana Advisory Committees in increasing school attendance and reducing the rates of discontinuation from the stipend programme.
- Location: Head-quarter Dhaka. Studies may have to be conducted throughout Bangladesh, if required.
- Eligibility: Any Firm having study/research background and past experience in the relevant areas/discipline can apply.
- Preference: Preference will be given to those firms who have completed research work in education sector especially in the areas related to Female Secondary School Assistance Project.
- Bio-data: C-Vitae/Bio-data of Consultants belonging to Firms should be submitted.
- Back-up facilities: Information regarding back-up facilities of Firms should be furnished.
- Date of submission: The last date for submission of application is 31-10-95 by 12:00 Noon.

For detailed information including the Letter of Invitation (LOI), Terms of Reference (TOR) etc. the undersigned may be contacted during office hours on all working days on or before 25-10-95.

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**গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার**  
নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর কার্যালয় (সওজ)  
সিলেট সড়ক বিভাগ, সিলেট  
ফোন নং-৬৩৩৯  
তারিখ: ৯/১০/৯৫ইং

স্মারক নং-৩৪০৬

**দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

- ১) দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং : ৫১/পি. স. বি. ১৯৯৫-৯৬ইং (বহননয়ম)
- ২) কাজের নাম : ১৯৯৫-৯৬ইং অর্থ কমরে সিলেট সড়ক বিভাগীয় এম. বি. কাজে একমুখ সড়কের ২য় কিলোমিটারে (ডেইনেক ৮৬০.০০ মিঃ হইতে ৯১০.০০ মিঃ পর্যন্ত সড়ক পার্শ্ব পাইড ওলাল নির্মাণ কাজের দরপত্র।
- ১) প্রাকল্পিত মূল্য : টাকা ৩,৫৪,৫০৪/=
- ২) বায়নার টাকা : টাকা ৭,৯০৮/=
- ৩) অনুমোদিত সময় : ৪০ (চল্লিশ) দিন।
- ৪) ব্যয় বাত : ১৬৮ সড়ক সেতু ও খোয়াট মেরামত।
- ৫) অনুমোদনকারী : উত্তরাধিকার প্রকৌশলী (সওজ), সিলেট সড়ক সার্কেল, সিলেট।
- ৬) যে সকল কার্যালয়ে দরপত্র গ্রহণ করা হইবে : উত্তরাধিকার প্রকৌশলী (সওজ), সিলেট সড়ক সার্কেল, সিলেট/নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী (সওজ), সড়ক বিভাগ, মৌলভীবাজার/সুনামগঞ্জ এবং হবিগঞ্জ।
- ৭) যে সকল কার্যালয়ে দরপত্র বিক্রয় করা হইবে : নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারী/নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী (সওজ), সড়ক বিভাগ, মৌলভীবাজার/সুনামগঞ্জ/হবিগঞ্জ/পরিষ্কার ও নকশা বিভাগ, কুমিল্লা/উপ-বিভাগীয় প্রকৌশলী (সওজ), সড়ক উপ-বিভাগ, সিলেট/শোলাপাড়া/বিবনধা ও বাত্রিক, সিলেট।
- ৮) দরপত্র বিক্রির শেষ তারিখ : ২০-১০-৯৫ইং অফিস চলাকালীন সময়।
- ৯) দরপত্র গ্রহণের শেষ তারিখ : ২৪-১০-৯৫ইং বেলা ১২-৩০ মিঃ পর্যন্ত।
- ১০) দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময় : ২৬-১০-৯৫ইং নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, সওজ সিলেট কার্যালয়।
- ১১) দরপত্র লটারীর তারিখ : ২৮-১০-৯৫ইং ---এ--- ১১-৩০ মিনিট।
- ১২) ঠিকাদানের যোগ্যতা : সওজ অধিদপ্তরের 'এ' হইতে 'সি' সাধারণ শ্রেণী, সিলেট সড়ক সার্কেলের 'ডি' সাধারণ শ্রেণী এবং সিলেট সড়ক বিভাগের 'ই' সাধারণ শ্রেণীভুক্ত ঠিকাদারগণ।

সৈয়দ রাশীদুল হাসান  
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**BCIC International Tender Notice**

Managing Director, Zia Fertilizer Company Limited, Ashuganj, B Baria, Bangladesh hereby invites sealed quotations as under:

S/No	Tender Enquiry No	Description of goods	Terms of delivery	Due date of opening	Price of tender documents (non-refundable)	Earnest money	Source of financing
1.	OS-1752	Various types of Bearing	C&F/C&F(C) Chittagong/Dhaka	22.11.95	Tk 400/-	1% of total quoted value (but not less than Tk 1,000/-)	Any suitable source of finance
2.	OS-1807	Check Valve	-do-	22.11.95	Tk 750/-	-do-	-do-
3.	OS-1809	Castable Refractory	-do-	22.11.95	Tk 400/-	-do-	-do-

Tender will be received by the Dy. General Manager (Purchase & Shipping), Zia Fertiliser Co Ltd, Ashuganj, B Baria, Bangladesh up to 11.00 AM/ 2.30 PM on the date mentioned above and be opened the same day immediately thereafter in presence of the tenderers representatives, if any.

Tender documents with detailed specifications, terms and conditions will be available on all working days from 9.00 AM to 12.30 PM on payment of the prescribed price in cash from the office of:

- The Controller to Accounts, BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka.
- The Sr General Manager, BCIC, 6-Agrabad C/A, Chittagong.
- The General Manager (Accounts & Finance), ZFCI, Ashuganj, B Baria.

No tender documents will be sold on the date of tender opening.

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