



MAGURA: An ideal demonstration plot of cotton cultivation under Sreepur unit in Magura district. — Star photo

Cotton cultivation in Magura gaining popularity

From Our Correspondent

MAGURA, Jan 19: Increasing number of people are showing interest in cotton cultivation in Magura district. Cotton cultivation in Magura district is under supervision of Jhenidah zone. There are four cotton unit offices in Magura district in Magura, Ichakhada, Sripur and Satruijpur.

According to the sources, there was a target to put 10,200 hectares of land under cotton cultivation during current season in Jhenidah zone and it was expected that 2,65,587 mounds of cotton would be produced.

In Magura district, cotton cultivation in 1,439 hectares of land would produce about 44,585 maunds of cotton, sources said.

Md Sohrabuddin, unit officer of Sripur unit, said cotton cultivation started in 1982-83 season in this area. The target of cotton cultivation in the first season in Sripur unit was only 203 hectares of land. In 1995-96, a total of over 1800 hectares of land have been targeted for cotton cultivation in Magura district. — 650 hectares in Sripur, 500 hectares in Magura, 300 hectares in Satruijpur, and 350 hectares in Ichakhada. The increasing rate of

cotton cultivation in this area is three times from starting period.

It was learnt that every unit office at grassroots of Cotton Development Board in Magura district faced various problems to introduce cotton cultivation among the people in the district at first. Thousands hectares of 'sandy doash' land by the side of the river Goral, Kumar, Nabaganga, Madhumoti, Chitra, Hanu and Fatki were almost barren, though these vast areas were suitable for cotton cultivation.

Sources said, Cotton Development Board (CDB) at first took initiative to motivate the farmers of 'char' areas of the rivers for cotton cultivation. At first owners of these lands were not interested to cultivate cotton. Only a group of marginal farmers of the village Baroipara, Khampara, Tupipara, Sripur are interested to cultivate cotton in their sandy 'doash' soil. Cotton unit office, Sripur which works in the grassroots provides seeds, loan and necessary assistance for cotton cultivation. As a result these marginal farmers are able to produce huge quantity of cotton.

The unit officer said they have extended cotton cultivation in the char areas of Majdia, and Naduria in these season under their direct supervision.

Md Hujur Ali, a marginal farmer of 'Majdiar char', told this correspondent that they have been cultivating cotton in the char areas since 1994-95 under direct assistance of Sripur unit, Cotton Development Board.

He said that they were not able to cultivate other crops in their char areas before cotton cultivation. Now more people of their areas are getting benefit from cotton cultivation.

M Baharuddin Shaikh and A Razak Biswas of Baroipara under Sripur unit are the owners of ideal demonstration plots of cotton cultivation. They cultivate JA 92/B variety in their plots under direct assistance of Sripur Cotton unit. They said more people are becoming interested to cultivate cotton as it is more profitable than the cultivation of other traditional crops.

Usually they get between 10 to 12 maunds of cotton from one bigha.

2 killed in Comilla road accidents

COMILLA, Jan 19: Two persons were killed and five others injured in two separate road accidents on Dhaka-Chittagong highway yesterday, reports BSS.

Abul Hussain, 32, an autorickshaw driver, died on the spot when a Chittagong-bound truck hit his vehicle at Eliotganj under Daudkandi thana this noon. Three injured passengers of the autorickshaw were admitted to Gouripur Thana Health Complex.

Police seized the truck but the driver escaped.

In another accident, a rickshawpuller died at Sonagazi under Kotwali thana when a Chittagong-bound micro-bus hit his three-wheeler. Two passengers of the rickshaw were admitted to Sadar Hospital with serious injuries.

2 housewives commit suicide in Satkhira

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, Jan 19: Two housewives recently committed suicide in the district.

According to sources, Haridasi, 23, wife of Chittaranjan Sarkar of village Bardal under Assasuni thana, committed suicide by taking pesticide.

In another incident Jharna Khatun, 24, wife of Moslem Uddin of Bichhat village under the same thana killed herself by taking poison.

Family troubles were likely the cause behind their suicide.

Outlawed party activist held

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, Jan 19: Satkhira thana police recently arrested an activist of outlawed Purbabanga Communist Party, Mizanur Rahman alias Mizan, 21, and recovered from him one Indian made shotgun and 18 rounds of cartridges.

According to police sources, acting on a tip off, sadar thana police led by C/A Halim, O.C., Satkhira thana, arrested Mizanur Rahman from Sangeeta Cinema Hall area of the town. After his confession, police recovered the firearm and ammunition from his village home at Debnagar village of the same thana. He is the active member of the outlawed Purbabanga Communist Party.

A case was lodged with Satkhira police station.

Four muggers nabbed in Manikganj

MANIKGANJ, Jan 19: Local people nabbed four muggers as they tried to snatch money from the pedestrians near Savar Bazar last Sunday night, reports UNB.

Police said the muggers had taken position near the bazar and tried to collect money from the pedestrians at dagger point.

On hearing hue and cry of the victims, local people rushed to the spot, nabbed four miscreants — Talzul Islam, 15, Ariful Haq, 20, Mahfuz, 17, and Abbas, 18, — from the scene. They were handed over to Savar thana after a mass beating.

Four other muggers, however, managed to escape. A case was filed.

Tk one crore loan disbursed in Magura

From Our Correspondent

MAGURA, Jan 19: Swarnivar Bangladesh, a voluntary organisation, recently distributed one crore taka as loan among the distressed people in Magura region, sources said.

Swarnivar Bangladesh (SB) distributed one crore taka as loan among 4,900 distressed people of Magura, Jhenidah, Narail and Satkhira districts for paddy husking, dairy farm, cattle rearing, small trade, rickshaw van and poultry farming, sources said.

Distressed people of four thanas in Magura district have been benefited with the distribution of this loan, it was also learnt.

Training camp on 'scientific cooker'

JHALAKATHI, Jan 19: A six-day training camp on the use of modern scientific cooker for saving fuel and checking pollution concluded here on Sunday last at Nalchit thana in the district, reports UNB.

It was organised jointly by the Fuel Research Institute of Bangladesh Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (BCSIR) and Bangladesh Rural Development Board.

Some 25 representatives from different cooperative societies took part in the camp. They were given practical training on making modern cooker and the domestic and commercial use of it.

Jamtoil Railway Station A safe transit point for smuggled goods

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Jan 19: Jamtoil Railway Station in Kamarkhanda thana has turned into a safe unloading point of smuggled Indian goods.

It was learnt that smugglers used inter-city trains and local trains to carry Indian goods like cotton yarn, dye, chemicals, sugar, pulses, spices, medicine and sarees to unloaded these at Jamtoil station.

A well organised gang with inter-district distribution network is assumed to be carrying out these business of smuggled goods, sources said.

A large number of women serve as the carriers of smuggled saree and blouse pieces. Cotton yarn and bags of sugar are kept under the seats. Smuggled goods are unloaded at different points including Lahiri Mohanpur.

Valuables worth Tk 2 lakh looted

KISHOREGANJ, Jan 19: In an overnight operation at Pirojpur bazar in Bajitpur thana armed dacoits looted valuables worth about Taka two lakh on Tuesday last, reports UNB.

Police said a gang of about 15 dacoits stormed into the bazar in a truck at about 2 am, tied up the night guards and looted nine shops.

The looters disappeared with the booty in the truck. A case was filed with Bajitpur thana.

Bread, biscuits being made in unhygienic condition

COMILLA, Jan 19: Unhygienic atmosphere has been prevailing in various biscuit and bread factories of the district threatening the public health, reports UNB.

A number of such factories have sprung up in the district violating the rules and regulations of maintaining hygiene.

The factories are producing the foodstuff in dirty and unhygienic condition. Even, it was seen that pye-dogs, cats and rats enter into the factories unhindered polluting the foodstuff.

Many consumers, found various dirt in the breads and biscuits purchased from different hats and bazars. Many people already have been suffering from various intestinal diseases like diarrhoea and dysentery.

It is necessary to take approval from the concerned authorities before marketing the foodstuff of the factories.

Local people time and again urged the concerned authorities to look into the matter but no action has yet been taken in this regard.

1,34,805 hectares brought under rabi cultivation in B'baria

BRAHMANBARIA, Jan 19: A total of 1,34,805 hectares of land in seven thanas of the district have been brought under rabi crops farming with a production target of 4,54,849 metric tons, reports UNB.

Agriculture Extension Department said, of the total, 86,000 hectares of land have been brought under high yielding variety of boro paddy while 4,200 hectares under local variety.

Wheat will be cultivated on 16,000 hectares of land, different types of pulses on 6,365 hectares, vegetables on 19,800 hectares and other crops on 2,440 hectares during the current season.

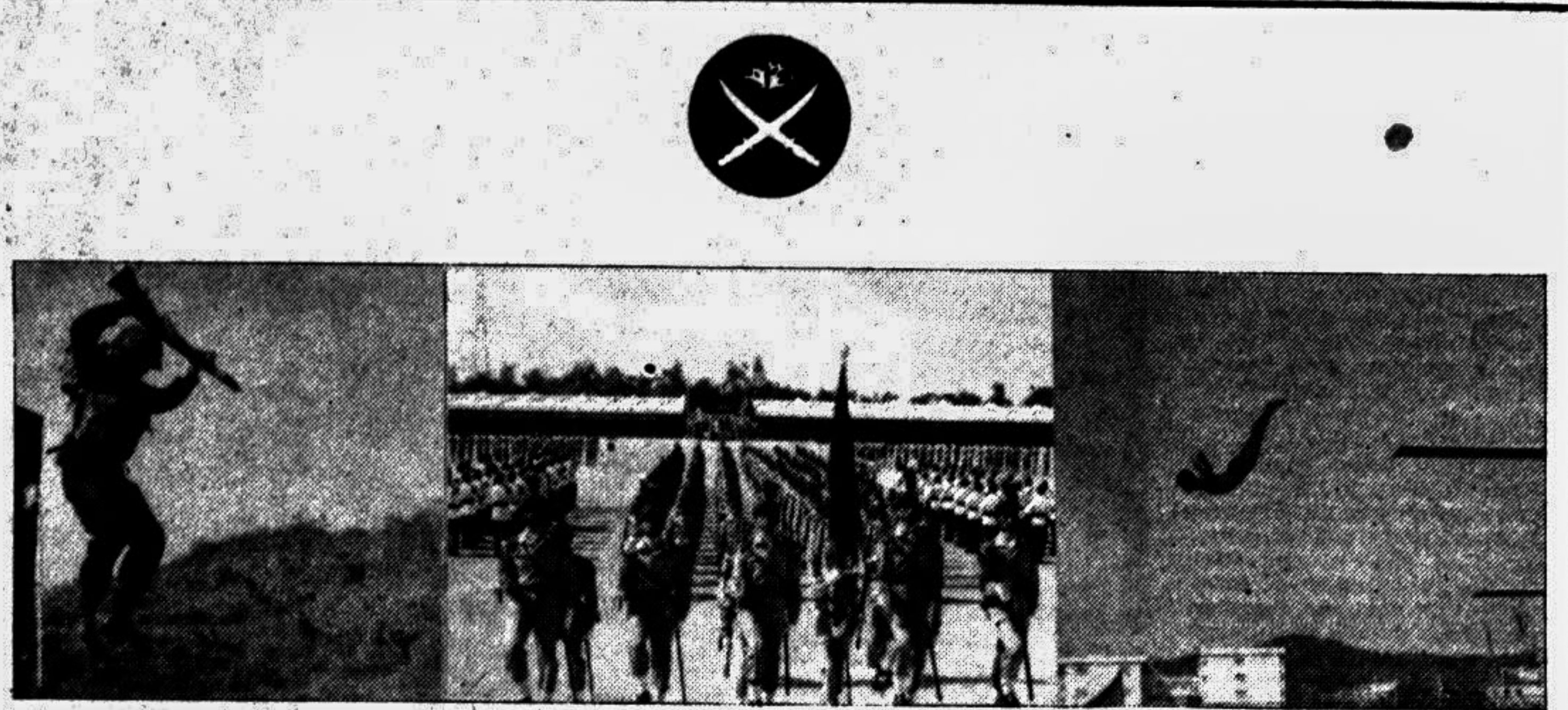
Some 417 demonstration plots have been set up in sadar, Nasirbagar, Sarail, Nabagar, Kasba, Akhaura and Bancharampur thanas to acquaint the farmers with the modern methods of cultivation.

Meanwhile farmers apprehended that the production target might not be achieved due to acute shortage of HYV seeds which are being sold in the markets at high prices. The price of fertilisers have also shot up.

They also alleged that a group of dishonest dealers are selling adulterated fertilisers, pesticides and seeds in the market taking advantage of its acute scarcity.



SYLHET: Dewan Farid Gazi, speaking at the certificate awarding ceremony of Librarians Training Course recently organised by Bangladesh Non-government Librarian Association. — Star photo



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ELIGIBILITY

1. AGE ON 20 FEBRUARY 1996 (Affidavit NOT acceptable):

- Civilian: 17 to 21 years
- Service Candidates: 18 to 23 years (who is serving in the Bangladesh Army, Navy and Air Force)

2. PHYSICAL STANDARD (MINIMUM)

- Height: 1.63 Metre (5'-4")
- Weight: 45.36 kg (100 Lbs)
- Chest: 0.76 Metre - 0.81 Metre (30"-32")

3. EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION (MINIMUM)

- Civilian: SSC and HSC (Both) 2nd Division or Senior Cambridge/A' Level or Equivalent.
- Service Personnel: Army Special Certificate of Education or as for Civilians.

4. MARITAL STATUS:

- Civilian: Unmarried.
- Service Personnel: Unmarried/Married.

5. NATIONALITY: Male citizen of Bangladesh.

6. INELIGIBILITY:

- Withdrawn/Discharged from Army/Navy/Air Force or any Government Service.
- Screened out/Rejected twice by ISSB. Once Rejected and once Screened out candidates may apply.
- Declared medically UNFIT by Armed Forces Appeal Medical Board (Rejected on grounds of Height, Weight and Chest may apply on attainment of requisite standard).
- Forwarding more than one application.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

7. Preliminary Selection: Preliminary Medical Test/Interview will be held at the following places:

a. Dhaka	b. Mymensingh	c. Chittagong	d. Comilla
e. Sylhet	f. Rajshahi	g. Bogra	h. Rangpur
i. Saidpur	k. Jessore	l. Khulna (Jahanabad)	

8. Written Examination. Written Examination will also be held in the above place on Bengali, English, General Knowledge and General Mathematics for preliminary Selected Candidates.

9. Test/Interview by Inter Services Selection Board (ISSB). Candidates qualified in written examination will appear before Inter Service Selection Board (ISSB), Dhaka Cantonment.

10. Final Medical. Candidates Selected by Inter Services Selection Board (ISSB) will report to Combined Military Hospital (CMH), Dhaka Cantonment for Final Medical Examination.

11. Final Selection. Final Selection will be done by Adjutant General Branch, Army Headquarters, Dhaka Cantonment.

TRAINING/COMMISSION

12. Cadets will undergo 98 to 100 weeks training at Bangladesh Military Academy (BMA), Bhatary, Chittagong. On successful completion of the training, cadets will be granted regular commission as Second Lieutenant with effect from the following day of the passing out. Cadets will also be awarded B. A/B. Sc. degree depending on their academic performance/result. Cadets obtaining 1st class with distinction marks in degree examination will be allowed to pursue higher education after commission.

APPLICATION FORMS

13. Application forms are available with the following:

- All Cantonment Station Headquarters mentioned below:
 - Station Headquarters, Dhaka
 - Station Headquarters, Comilla
 - Station Headquarters, Chittagong
 - Station Headquarters, Bogra
 - Station Headquarters, Rangpur
 - Station Headquarters, Jalalabad (Sylhet)
 - Station Headquarters, Quadirabad
 - Station Headquarters, Savar
 - Station Headquarters, Rajendrapur
 - Station Headquarters, Mymensingh
 - Station Headquarters, Jahanabad (Khulna)
 - Station Headquarters, Saidpur
 - Station Headquarters, Jessore
 - Station Headquarters, Rajshahi
- Headquarters/Recruiting Unit (RU), 34 Palashi Barrack, Azimpur, Dhaka.
- All Branch Recruiting Units (BRU) mentioned below:
 - Branch Recruiting Unit (BRU), Comilla
 - Branch Recruiting Unit (BRU), Bogra
 - Branch Recruiting Unit (BRU), Jessore
- All District Armed Service Board (DASB).
- Office of the Deputy Commissioner, where no Station Headquarters or District Armed Services Board is located.

14. Application forms can be obtained on submission of Bank Draft/Pay (Bank Draft/Pay Order can be taken from any branch of Sonali, Rupali & Agrani Bank in the country) Order worth Tk 100/- (Taka one hundred only) (non refundable) in favour of AHQ, AG Branch PA Dte, Dhaka Cantonment, Payable to any of the following banks:

- Sonali Bank, Dhaka Cantonment Branch
- Rupali Bank, Dhaka Cantonment Branch
- Agrani Bank, Dhaka Cantonment Branch

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION

15. Application forms to reach Army Headquarters; Adjutant General Branch Personnel Administration Directorate (PA-2), Dhaka Cantonment along with the following documents by 20 February 1996:

- 05 copies of recent passport size photographs (wearing in white shirt) duly attested by a gazetted officer.
- Photostat copies of all educational certificates and marks sheets duly attested by a gazetted officer (Certificates must be issued by concern Educational Board).
- A self addressed envelop (9"-4") with Tk 2/- (Two) postage affixed.
- Nationality certificate from Union Parishad, Paurashava, Ward Chairman as per permanent address.
- Service Personnel/civilian employed in defence installations will apply through respective commanding officer/Departmental Heads.

16. Attention

- Preliminary Selection of the candidates will be held from 27 April 1996 to 16 May 1996 at different centres in the country. Eligible candidates, other than Dhaka Centres, those will not get call up letters in time (issued by this office) will go to the Preliminary Selection Centres (Centres mentioned by the candidates in the application) and collect call up letter from the authority concerned for appearing in the preliminary selection list of the eligible candidates with their Roll No, Name and Father's Name will be given on the board at the centres. Eligible candidates of Dhaka Centres those will not get call up letter in time will go SENA KUNJO (South Side) Dhaka Cantonment and collect call up letter for appearing in preliminary selection.
- Candidates qualified in ISSB those have not submitted required certificates as asked in para 15 of this advertisement due to obvious reasons, must submit photo copies (attested) of SSC & HSC certificates, Mark sheets (issued by the concerned educational Board) and also Nationality certificates, just after completion of their ISSB selection. Otherwise final selection will not be given to them.
- No candidates will not come to Army Headquarters Gate Physically. If there is any query on selection matter, candidate will communicate through telephone numbers, mentioned in the call up letter available with the candidate.
- No application will be received by Army Headquarters directly. Candidates will sent their application through post offices.

NOTE: No TA/DA will be admissible for examination/interview except ISSB.

! LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION: 20 FEBRUARY 1996!

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