

Dhaka Day by Day

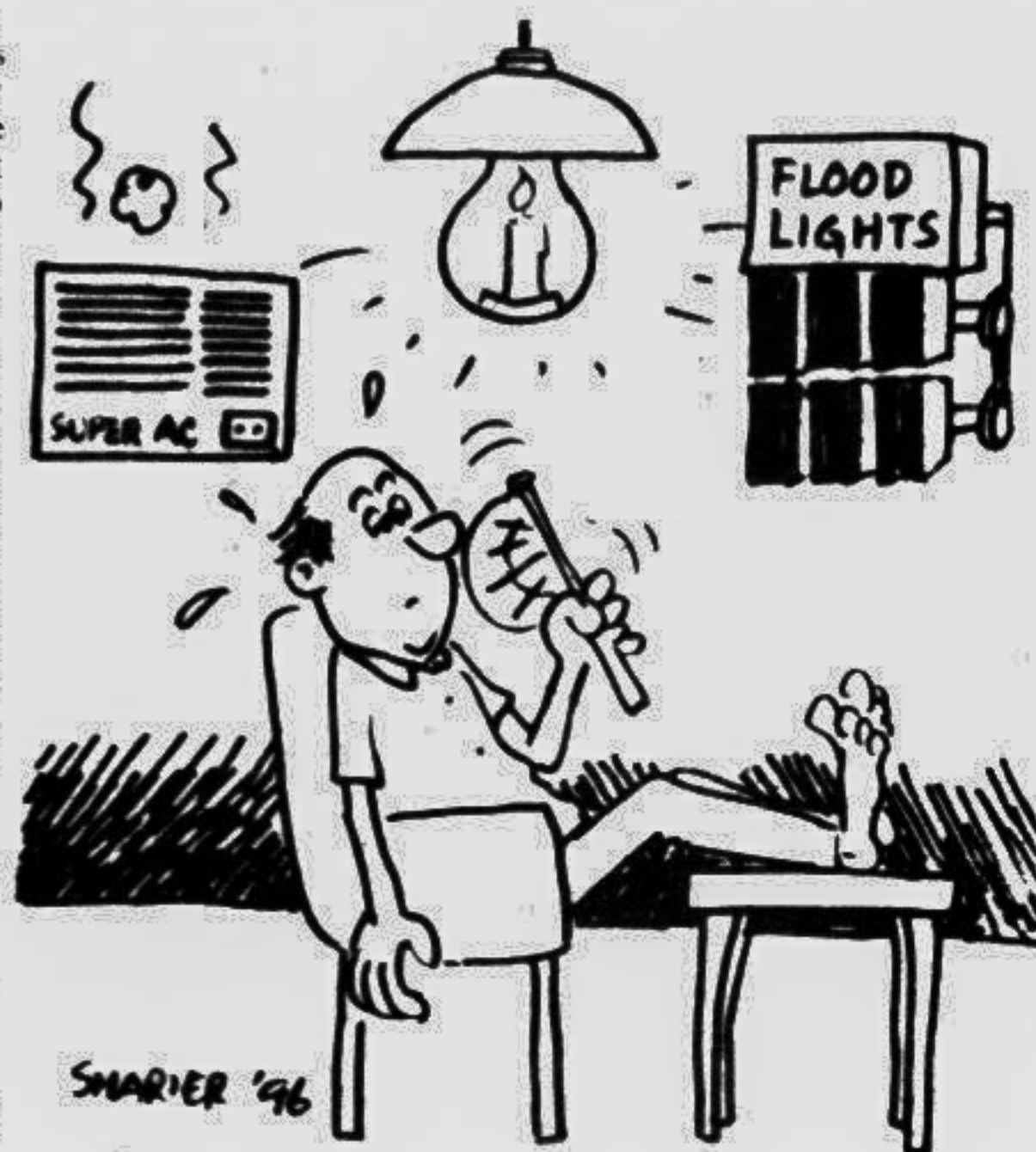
Life Without Power and Water

by Samia Islam

As we step on to the information super highway, the last thing on our minds is that a telephone is still a luxury in this country, so is a quality music system or a colour TV (not cable though, because televisions come with a package deal these days — if you buy one, the other is a must). Up until now these were the things still considered out of the reach of

worse by the hundreds of questions from your guests which you have to field on whether this is usual in your area or how you can possibly live like this as if they've never experienced power failure for a day in their lives. When you are at your wits end, a couple of hours later, the electricity is restored but the mood to party isn't.

about 80 per cent of the country's population. But now there are two more things on the list that are elusive to almost 50 per cent of the people, at least in Dhaka — water and electricity. Much of it is due to the pressure of growing population in the city. Urban migration is taxing the power and water providing capacities of the plants to their extremes and still there are shortages. The water level is supposed to be receding every year, which is not good news for us. Because it gives the ominous signal that things are going to be worse in future. All this is enough to depress the most in-



curable of optimists. But what is worse is that the much talked about but never taken seriously green house effect is working with these calamities to raise the day's atmospheric temperatures beyond levels experienced ever before. So we are left with load shedding which exposes us to excruciating heat that in turn leaves us feeling sweaty and uncomfortable. So the only remedy is to relieve ourselves with a cool, refreshing shower but that's out of the question since the water tanks are all empty and the truck from WASA only comes too early in the morning or too late at night to make a difference.

Electricity seems to have developed a mind of its own in this country. When you expect regular load shedding to occur, there's a pleasant surprise awaiting you and on days when you are entertaining your friends, the power supply lets you down with a thud. Everything is made

Then there are the areas where suction pumps are in vogue. Whenever there's talk of surprise inspection for illegal lines in the air, mysteriously the water supply in these areas goes down. And everything is again blamed on the receding water levels. Outside of the usual reasons like system loss, low capacity, ever-increasing population pressures and rolls of red tape in making policy decisions, if these inherent problems are not addressed as thoroughly as the pipelines, the problems will persist forever.

UCEP award ceremony held

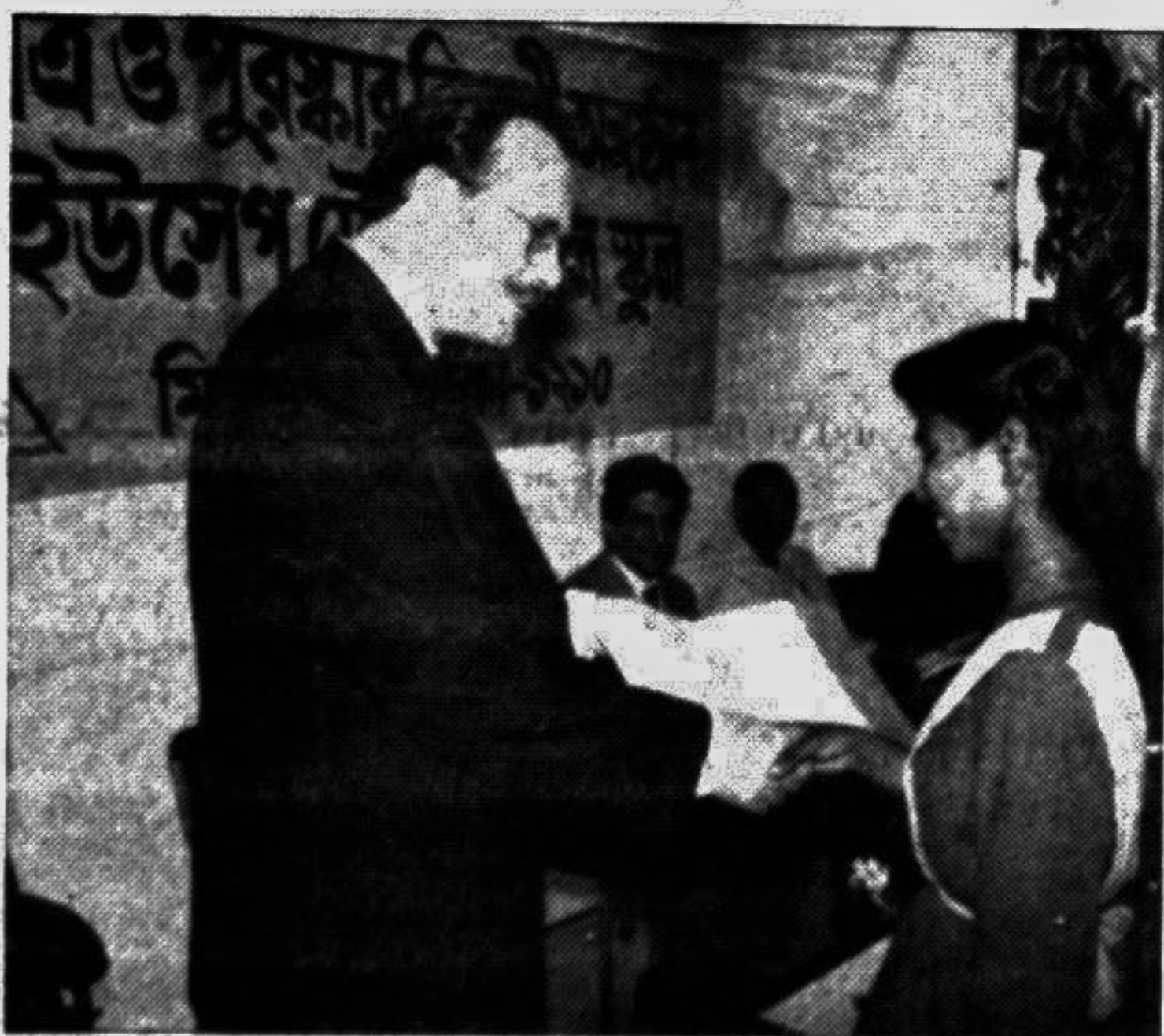
Certificate and prize giving ceremony of the vocational training graduates of Under Privileged Children's Educational Programmes (UCEP) Dhaka Technical School was held at the school premises at Mirpur yesterday, reports UNB.

Speaking on the occasion as chief guest Canadian High Commissioner in Dhaka Jon J. Scot, he appreciated UCEP's activities in Bangladesh and assured that his country will continue its help for Bangladesh's socio-economic improvement.

Bangladesh, the largest beneficiary, received more than 2 billion dollars from Canada, he added.

Second Secretary of the Turkish Embassy to Bangladesh was the special guest at the function presided over by UCEP Director Prof Ahmadullah Mia.

It was also attended by UCEP Technical Education Adviser U W Ebert.



Jon J. Scot, Canadian High Commissioner in Bangladesh presenting certificates to the graduates of UCEP Dhaka Technical School Wednesday. — UCEP photo

Invitation for Bid
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Asian Development Bank Loan No. 1293-Ban (SF):
Third Natural Gas Development Project, Part-A

Invitation of Bids for Procurement of Wireline Investigation Services Against International Tender No. BGFCL/TNG (SV)/011, Dated 11.6.1996

1. Bangladesh Gas Fields Co. Ltd. (BGFCL), a company of Bangladesh Oil, Gas & Mineral Corporation (Petrobangla) invites sealed offers in the form of bid under International Shopping (IS) procedures for procurement of wireline investigation services for 5 wells (max.) at Titus gas field under the Third Natural Gas Development (TNG) Project, undertaken by the Government of Bangladesh (GOB).
2. The foreign currency cost will be met out of Asian Development Bank (ADB) loan no. 1293-BAN (SF), received by GOB towards financing of the TNG project. The local currency cost will be financed by GOB through its Annual Development Programme (ADP).
3. Scope of services & supply, the terms & conditions of services & supply, the information required to be furnished by the bidders, mode & submission procedures of bids etc. are detailed in the tender document.
4. Only reputed & experienced oil field/wireline services companies/firms from ADB member countries are eligible to participate in the bidding. Proposed personnel for the services must also be from eligible source countries of ADB.
5. a) The offers submitted must remain valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of the bids.
 b) The offer must accompany a bid bond in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order or Bank Guarantee issued by registered scheduled bank in Bangladesh or a schedule foreign bank operating in Bangladesh & acceptable to BGFCL amounting to 2% (two per cent) of the bid price and shall be valid for 120 days from the date of opening of bids.
6. The bidder shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of his bid and BGFCL will, in no case, be responsible or liable for these costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the bidding process.
7. Tender document will be available from 16.6.96 between 0900 hrs & 1400 hrs BST on all working days on payment of Bangladesh Taka 1000.00 (non-refundable) at the following address:

Bangladesh Gas Fields Co. Ltd.
 Liaison office, 97, Purana Paltan (Bijoynagar)
 Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh
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 Telex: 642903 BGFCL BJ
 Fax: 88-02-836267

8. Tender documents will be sold upto 15.7.96. No extension in closing date for selling of the tender documents will be allowed.
9. Bids will be received at the Liaison Office of BGFCL at 97, Purana Paltan (Bijoynagar), Dhaka-1000 upto 1100 hrs BST on 16.7.96 and will be opened on the same day at 1130 hrs BST in presence of the bidders or their representatives, if any.
10. 3 (three) copies of the bid (one 'original' and two 'copy') are to be submitted under single stage single envelope system.
11. Bangladesh Gas Fields Co. Ltd. reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids at any stages without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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Members of the hawkers union brought out a procession in the city yesterday carrying the coffin of Monirul Alam, supervisor of the Dhaka Hawkers Association who was killed in a road mishap Tuesday. — Star photo

Yasmin murder

Women's groups in Canada demand fair trial

Several women's groups, trade unions, peace and social justice organisations, and the students' movement in Canada have signed a petition calling for a just resolution by the new government of Bangladesh to the case of Yasmin, the young girl who was raped and killed by policemen in Dinajpur last year, says a press release.

The petition, circulated by Farida Akhter of UBING and Shomulito Nari Shamaj during a women's rally on June 15 in Ottawa, Canada, was also presented to the offices of the Canadian minister of foreign affairs and international trade as well as to the minister responsible for the status of women.

The rally, termed the largest in the history of the Canadian women's movement, was the culmination of a five-week women's anti-poverty march across Canada, co-sponsored by the National Action Committee on the Status of Women and the Canadian Labour Congress.

Addressing the rally, Akhter spoke about the situation of women in Bangladesh, highlighting the case of Yasmin.

STD-AIDS Network AGM held

The annual general meeting of National STD-AIDS Network Bangladesh was held at the SHARRO auditorium in the city yesterday with a call to create mass awareness in fighting the deadly disease AIDS, reports UNB.

Organised by the Network the AGM reviewed last year's activities and future plan to strengthen the inter sectoral collaboration.

Speakers at the meeting also emphasised on strengthening ties with the National AIDS Committee particularly the ministry of Health and Family Welfare, and the newly formed UNAIDS.

RSF concerned

Reporters Sans Frontieres (RSF), a worldwide independent organisation working to defend press freedom, (RSF) strongly protested about an attack on a journalist and to express concern about the circumstances in which some journalists had to work during the election, says a press release.

Hundreds of journalists all over the country were either refused the accreditation cards specially requested for this election by the local officers of the Election Commission — despite having produced all requested papers — or denied entry to voting centres, it said.

RSF insisted a judicial inquiry be opened to take measures to guarantee that journalists can do their work safely.



This truck collided head on with a private car near Chandina thana on Dhaka-Chittagong highway yesterday. — Star photo

Weather

Heavy rainfall likely

Heavy falls are likely at one or two places over Chittagong, Barisal divisions and the regions of Dhaka, Faridpur in the next 12 hours, reports UNB.

Met Office says light to moderate rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind may occur at most places over Chittagong, Barisal and Khulna divisions and at many places over Dhaka, Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions.

Moderately heavy to heavy falls are likely at places over Chittagong, Barisal and Khulna divisions.

Day temperature may fall by 1-2 degrees Celsius across the country.

Meantime, Khepupara experienced the highest 199 mm rain during the last 36 hours till 6 pm today.

Cox's Bazar experienced 75mm rain. Patuakhali 68, Satkhira 38, Bhola 35, Khulna 25, Dinajpur 24, Kutubdia 22, Sandwip 21, Rajshahi 20, Ishwardi 13, Comilla and Madaripur 12 each, Srimangal 11, Chandpur 10, Jessore and Faridpur 6 each during the period.

Country's highest temperature 36.8 degrees Celsius was recorded at Sylhet today and the lowest 21.2 degrees at Kutubdia.

The sun sets today at 6:49 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:12 am.

The maximum and minimum temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday are:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius	Humidity in percentage
Dhaka	Max 33.0, Min 27.0	Mor 73, Eve 71
Chittagong	Max 29.5, Min 25.0	Mor 92, Eve 85
Rajshahi	Max 33.4, Min 26.8	Mor 77, Eve 97
Khulna	Max 27.5, Min 25.2	Mor 100, Eve 100
Barisal	Max 29.6, Min 24.8	Mor 85, Eve 97
Sylhet	Max 36.8, Min 26.9	Mor 78, Eve 73
Cox's Bazar	Max 27.6, Min 24.6	Mor 95, Eve 93

KNITTING MASTER REQUIRED

A recently established circular knitting and dyeing factory in Chittagong Processing Zone is urgently looking for an experienced person to work as knitting master.

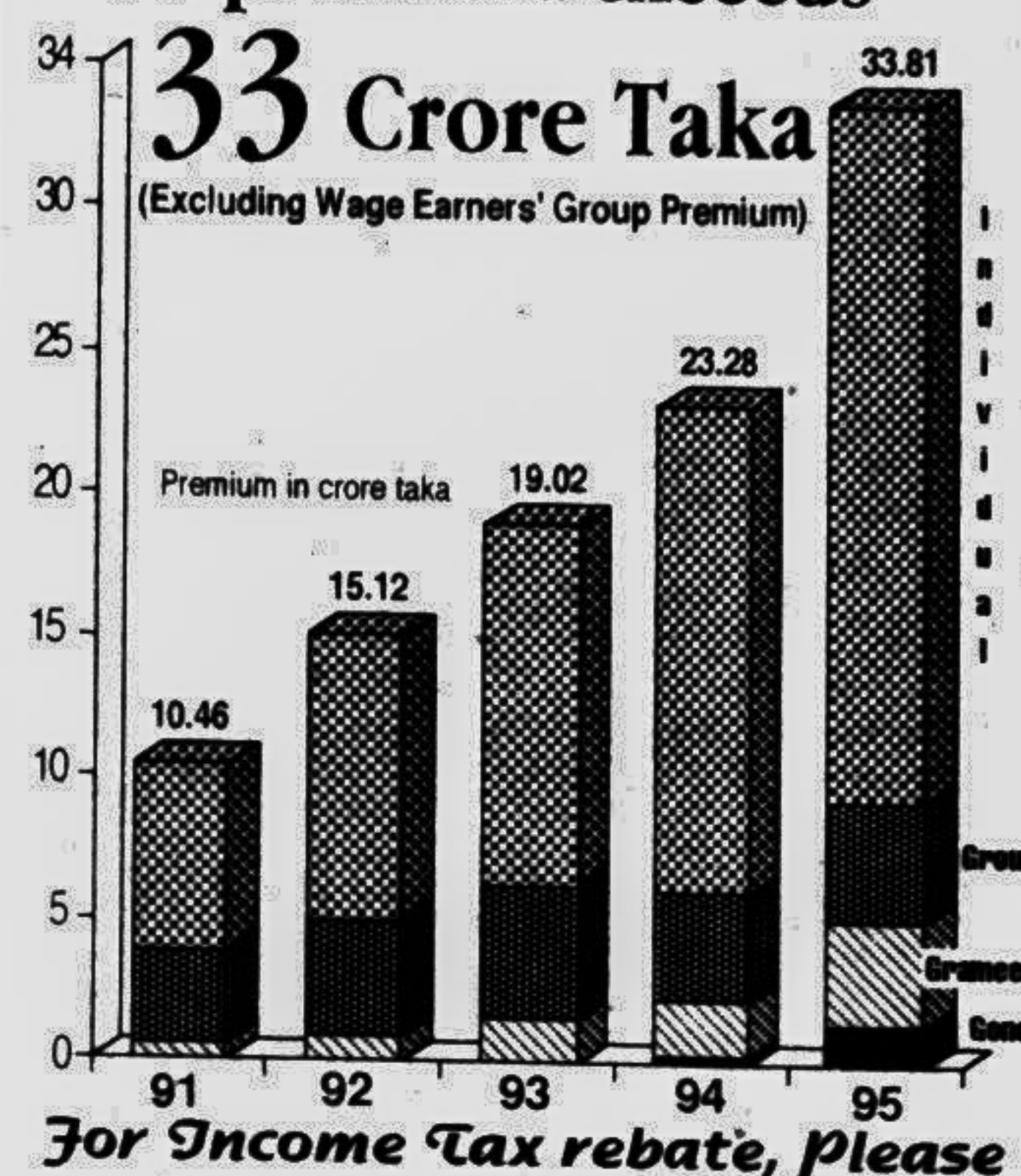
Required qualifications: Must have worked for a reputed knitting factory for a minimum of two years. Please apply with complete details:

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