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Office of the Executive Engineer
Local Government Engineering Directorate

District: Meherpur

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Tender Notice
No 02/96-97

Tenders are invited in Bangladesh Form No 2911 from Local Government Engineering Directorate, Zilla Parishad, Meherpur 1996-97 financial year renewed contractor firms for implementation of the undermentioned projects taken under Low Cost Rural Road Bridge/Culvert Construction Project under Local Government Engineering Directorate during 1996-97 financial year. Tender documents can be purchased at prescribed price from the office of the undersigned as well as office of the Project Director, Low Cost Rural Road Bridge/Culvert Construction Project, 7/18 Block-B, Lalmitia, Dhaka 1207, Meherpur Sadar/Gangni Thana Engineer upto 25.09.96 and the tenders will be received in the tender box kept at the said places up to 12.30 PM of 26.09.96 and the tenders received will be opened on the same day at 1.00 PM before the contractors (if any) present. Prior to purchase of tender, the renewed licence & VAT Registration original copy shall have to be produced. Earnest Money at the rate 5% (five per cent) of the estimated cost should be deposited with the tender in the form of CD/BD from any scheduled bank in favour of the undersigned.

Project Schedule

Sl No	Name & site of work	Estimated cost (in lakh Taka)	Price of tender (Taka)	Time limit for completion of work
1	Construction of 0.60 m dia pipe culvert on Meherpur Saharbat Road (chainage 2.45 km, 3.00 km, 3.25 km, 3.30 km, 5.37 km, 5.67 km, 7.22 km, 8.22 km, 8.82 km, 9.82 km and 9.30 km).	1.98	300/-	60 days
2	Construction of .60 m dia pipe culvert on Meherpur Border Road (chainage 200m, 350m, 500m, 800m, 1100 m, 1300m, 1400m, 2100m, 2750m, 5250m, 6500m & 6900m).	2.16	300/-	60 days

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The city experienced a refreshing downpour yesterday following a wave of hot-spell in the last couple of days. — Star photo

Hasina tells Wall Street Journal in HK

Reputed investors offering to make large-scale investment

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday expressed high optimism that there will be a massive inflow of foreign investment in Bangladesh in near future, reports BSS.

"We have been receiving potential offers and encouraging queries from reputed investors and multinational trade organisations to make large-scale investment in the country", she told the Wall Street Journal in Hong Kong.

"Our capital market is bullish, our exchange rate is stable — and these are all positive signs", Sheikh Hasina said while replying to questions over the possibility of foreign investment in her country.

The Prime Minister said her government had already received indications from Peregrine Capital, Hyatt International, Occidental Oil, and a number of telecommunications multinationals to take part in the economic development of Bangladesh. "Peregrine, which has already set up a full service investment bank branch in Dhaka, today announced they would also establish an off-shore Bangladesh fund", she added.

The Prime Minister said that she believes the foreign investors would prefer Bangladesh as it has acquired political stability through holding fair and impartial elections. Bangladesh has reasonably well-developed infrastructures including ports, roads, railways, air routes, telecommunications, she added.

Besides, Bangladesh is a country of cheap and skilled labour. "We have developed a pool of educated and trained manpower", she said. She also listed liberalised trade, deregulated stifling public controls over private enterprise, privatised public ownership in industries and reformed tax policies as other positive factors, to attract foreign investment.

When asked to comment on negative aspects of foreign in-

vestments in her country, the Prime Minister listed 'image problem' and 'political instability' which may deter potential foreign investment.

While clarifying these two negative aspects, the Prime Minister said some story-tellers tell about flood, cyclone, drought and even epidemics. Let me say, we had some of these at times. But so do other countries. Floods occur in the Mississippi, cyclone hits Hong Kong, flu takes epidemic form even in Europe. We are taking measures, like others, to overcome and control these. Given our will to master nature, as you have in other countries covered by the Asia Wall Street Journal, we are not certainly in a bad place to have your investment, she said.

Regarding other negative aspect, the Prime Minister said there have been political instability, corruption, indecision and bad governance. Now that political stability has been attained, measures taken against corruption and high emphasis placed on good governance, the story-tellers have to revise their story about bad image. "We have acquired good image, and we are determined to make it better in days to come," she added.

When commenting about the areas of preferences of her government, Sheikh Hasina said our priorities are in the fields of power generation, construction of ports, mining, electronics and information, high value apparels, consumer durables, food processing, light engineering and leather goods. Our specific target is for acquiring technology both hardware and software to add as much value as possible in areas where there is high intensity of labour. We have targeted an annual inflow of two billion US dollars, she said.

Regarding her government's future plan, the Prime Minister further reform of the tax struc-

ture, she said. "We will include development of infrastructure, further deregulation, accelerated privatisation and in addition, we will concentrate on making the good governance better, she added.

The Prime Minister said that according to her careful assessment, 7 per cent growth per year is needed to make major gains against poverty. We believe wealth has to be created before it can be distributed, she said.

The Prime Minister agreed that her country's agriculture has not been badly affected by recent flood. Political stability coupled with sound macro-economic management has increased industrial production. "Our export is expanding. We are confident we will cross over the recent 5 per cent of growth to near 7 per cent at the end of this fiscal year,"

The Prime Minister said that her government had already enacted the laws enabling the private enterprise to set up export processing zones in the country. The law virtually gives free port advantages and facilities for an industrial area, developed by the private enterprises.

Regarding other steps of private sector development, the prime minister said, "we encourage private sector to produce electric power for us. We have already announced this as a policy of my government. As of now we produce 2200 megawatts against estimated demand for 4000 megawatts. We would like to increase our production to that level in five years."

When asked if she would encourage further privatisation, the Prime Minister said, "Yes, we will privatise state-owned enterprises as quickly as possible." "We believe, the government is for governing, not for doing business that the private enterprise does best," she observed.

Int'l Ozone Day observed

'Raise awareness about adverse impact of ODS'

Speakers at a seminar on International Ozone Day yesterday emphasised the need for intensifying "Environmental Diplomacy" and called upon all to expedite the early phase-out of ozone depleting substances (ODS) from Bangladesh by raising awareness about the adverse impacts of ODS, reports BSS.

Jointly organised by Department of Environment and Forum of Environmental Journalists of Bangladesh (FEJB), the seminar was addressed, among others, by economist Dr Ataur Rahman, Dr Mahfuzul Haque, UNDP assistant resident representative, Dr Subinoy Nandi, FEJB general secretary Quamrul Islam Chowdhury, Dr Khurshidul Alam, Dr M G Zaman, Rezauddin and Mosharraf Hossain. Economist Dr Devapriya Bhattacharya and Dr Ahsanuddin Ahmed presented the keynote paper while the seminar was co-chaired by Director General of Department of Environment Syed A N M Wahed and FEJB chairman Ahmed Nure Alam.

Dr Devapriya highlighted the economic consequences of phasing out of ozone depleting substances in Bangladesh and laid stress on intensification of international lobbying to create some welfare fund for developing countries like Bangladesh to phase out ODS.

Dr Mahfuz of Environment Ministry said the adverse impact on the poor common man of phasing out programme should also be considered.

Dr Ataur Rahman underscored the need for united effort of all the actors in the field of environment for mounting pressure so that imposition of higher tax on ODS import can be ensured in the national budget.

Dr Nandi stressed the speedy implementation of phasing out programme and suggested joint collaboration of department of environment, FEJB, UNDP and other actors in this regard.

Quamrul Chowdhury expressed concern at the 50 per cent increase of ODS import volume-wise in Bangladesh during 1986-95 period when the developed countries have started to phase out 80 per cent of ODS production in their countries.

Alam emphasised the creation of awareness about the adverse effects of ozone layer depletion and urgency for phasing out ODS. Shahjahan gave a

CHP submits memo to PM

The Council of Hill People (CHP) yesterday submitted a memorandum to the Prime Minister's office demanding trial of those responsible for the recent killings in Rangamati, reports UNB.

In the memorandum, the council put forward a seven-point demand and 18-point recommendation to restore peace in the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT).

The council, an organisation of the non-tribal hill people, urged the government for conducting a "combing operation" to combat insurgency in CHT, said a press release.

The CHP memorandum also deplored the statement made by the ruling party MP Kalpana Rangan Chakma in the Jatiya Sangsad seeking more autonomy in the hill tracts to put an end to the long-standing CHT crisis.

Death condoled

Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) has expressed shock at the premature death of sports reporter Sanaul Bari Jewel, reports UNB.

Jewel, sports reporter of Dinik Janapad, was killed in a tragic train mishap at Khilkhet on Saturday.

In a condolence message yesterday, BOA President Lt Gen Mohammad Mahbubur Rahman and members of the association conveyed sympathy to the bereaved family members and prayed for salvation of the departed soul.

brief resume of the phasing out programme following the signing of Montreal Protocol.

Dr Ahsan said in Bangladesh ODS are being used in many ways: in aerosols as propellant gas, in small to large refrigeration units, including household ones, in hospitals as anesthetic gas, in fire fighting equipment, and in silos as fumigating agents. He said Bangladesh does not produce any ODS while imports it entirely.

Syed Wahed said ODS are known for their destructive potential to ozone, a form of oxygen, which is at its maximum density at the stratosphere and destruction of ozone layer at the stratosphere may lead to disastrous consequences for human being.

Rezauddin said the policy makers around the world committed themselves to phasing out the use of ODS and to respond to their call and to help the humanity to keep their activities normal, many alternative chemicals and technologies are being proposed by the scientists which would support the phase out plans of all the countries.

Gaziur Rahman discussed the present use of ODS in Bangladesh in different sectors and also the possible alternatives which are designed to act as ODS substitutes.

The participants said aerosol propellant gas can be replaced either by liquid propane gas (LPG) or by mixture of propane and butane gas. Both may be produced and obtained from Chittagong refinery. Department of Environment along with UNDP is having a bipartite dialogue with ACI Ltd to implement a programme to curb the use of ODS in aerosol sector.

BSB employees protest Banking Division circular

The employees of Bangladesh Shilpa Bank staged a sit-in at the bank premises yesterday demanding that an order transferring some officials should not be rescinded, reports UNB.

The acting Managing Director, Mahmudul Karim, issued an order on Sunday transferring seven officials who were known as close aides of ex-MD Suhel Ahmed who has been promoted to the post of additional secretary recently.

But a circular from the Banking Division of Finance Ministry yesterday asked the acting MD not to transfer any official of the bank, if anyone has already been transferred, cancel such order.

The letter, signed by a senior assistant secretary, sparked protest among the employees of the bank who claimed that these officials helped the former MD in carrying out his 'whimsical' activities.

The acting MD ordered the transfer of Deputy General Managers A S M Shahjahan, A M Nazimul Islam, M Sirajul Islam, M Azizur Rahman, Assistant General Manager A T M Zulfiqar Haider and Manager Dilshad Hossain Siddiqui.

Yesterday, they staged the sit-in demonstration on the MD's floor at the multi-storied Shilpa Bank Bhawan at Motijheel soon after the ministry's circular was sent to the bank.

They are demanding that the circular be withdrawn and the transfer order of the seven officials be upheld.

The employees went on a movement soon after the former MD was posted to the Shilpa Bank.

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IS Tender No	Description of Item	Cost of Tender Documents (Non-refundable)	Closing Date & Time	Opening Date & Time	Bid Bond amount
BGSL/FP/IS-12/ADB(RE-1996)	Pressure Gauge	US\$ 24.00 or Tk 1000.00	28.10.96 at 11.00 AM	28.10.96 at 11.15 AM	US\$ 750.00 equivalent amount
BGSL/FP/IS-13/ADB(RE-TENDER)/96	Pipe Fittings (Saddle, Elbow or Taflon Tape etc)	US\$ 24.00 or Tk 1000.00	28.10.96 at 11.00 AM	28.10.96 at 11.15 AM	US\$ 400.00 equivalent amount

1. The procurement will be financed by Asian Development Bank (ADB) under Loan No 1293-BAN(SF), Part-B.

2. Eligibility: Manufacturers/Suppliers having proven experience of similar works from ADB member countries.

3. Where tender documents will be available: BGSL offices at:
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b) Liaison Office, House No 3, Road No 2/A, Banani, Dhaka-1213, Bangladesh.
c) Minhaz Complex, Accounts Section, (Chittagong Region), 12, Jamal Khan Road, Chittagong, Bangladesh.

4. Selling time of tender documents: From 28.09.96 to 27.10.96 during office hours.

5. Place of Tender receiving: BGSL's Liaison Office, House No 3, Road No 2/A, Banani, Dhaka-1213, Bangladesh.

6. For further information and clarification please contact: Dy General Manager (Purchase), BGSL, Comilla, Bangladesh.

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SAARC workshop concludes
Call to strengthen coordination in population research

A day-long SAARC workshop of experts to assess the requirements of SAARC countries in the field of population research and training concluded at a city hotel yesterday, reports BSS.

Minister for Health and Family Welfare Salah Uddin Yusuf, attended the concluding session as chief guest. The workshop was organised with a view to strengthening coordination and cooperation among the SAARC countries in population research and training.

Chaired by Nurul Abedin, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the function was also addressed by A K M Rafiquzzaman, Director General, National Institute of Population Research and Training (NIPORT) and Dr Helen Hemlata, a participant from India.

Salah Uddin Yusuf described the present demographic scenario of the SAARC region and

identified the population problem as one of the main problems of the SAARC countries.

He called for sharing the expertise and experiences of the successful population programmes of the member countries for strengthening regional efforts through population research and training.

Yusuf said other than overpopulation as well as high rate of population growth, the SAARC countries still contain the majority of the world's absolute poor population and most of its population were born in communities where illiteracy, diseases and infant and maternal death were common.

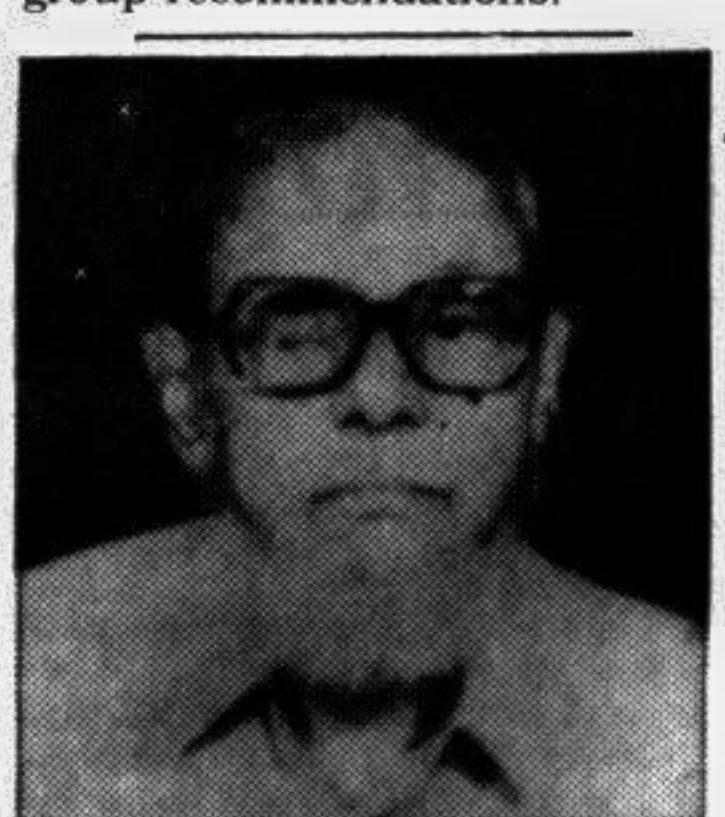
He said more than one-third of all child death of the world occur in three SAARC countries-Bangladesh, India and Pakistan.

The minister further said that combined efforts have to be

analyse and disseminate information about the latest development on population research training and programme implementation activities in the spirit of collaboration and cooperation.

Earlier in the morning, the workshop was inaugurated by Humayun A. Kamal, Director General (SAARC), Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The inaugural session was presided over by A K M Rafiquzzaman, Director General of NIPORT.

Thirteen delegates from the SAARC countries participated in the workshop. The workshop activities included presentation of country paper by delegates from different countries, group discussions and presentation of group recommendations.



Obituary

ASM Fazlur Rahman, a retired senior civil servant of the former provincial government died of old age complications at his residence at Sir Sayed Road, Mohammadpur yesterday, he was 86, reports BSS.

He left behind two sons and a daughter and six grand children. His eldest son Shahryar Z R Iqbal is the Director General of Bangladesh Television.

3 miscreants arrested

Police arrested three miscreants of an organised gang from Rajabazar and Indira road in the city yesterday, reports UNB.

Police said the arrested - Ashiqur Rahman alias Jamal, Javed Jahangir alias Ridoy and Nazrul Islam, members of Ayub gang - kidnapped a local businessman on Sunday.

Later, the businessman was set free on condition of paying a ransom of Tk 10,000.

As the gang came to realise the ransom from the businessman at his house, DB police arrested the three.

YMCA apex body

Samuel Taan Halder has been elected president of the Dhaka YMCA for the session 1996-97 in a meeting of the board of directors held on Sunday at its Eskaton premises, reports BSS.

The directors also elected Babu Markus Gomes and Augustine D Karmakar as honorary general secretary and treasurer respectively. David P. Bonik and Paul Mistry were elected vice-presidents.

The Dhaka YMCA is a charitable organisation giving academic and vocational training to the slum children and the unemployed youth, apart from carrying out other humanitarian activities. It also offers stipends to the poor but meritorious students.