

India rejects WB call to cut farm subsidies

NEW DELHI, Oct 22: India has rejected a World Bank appeal to cut agricultural subsidies. Agriculture Minister Chaturanan Mishra said yesterday, arguing there was a case to increase them further, reports AFP.

Mishra, one of the two communists in the country's coalition government, told World Bank President James Wolfensohn that the subsidies would continue as long as most Indian farmers were marginal and

small.

It is imperative to first lift the small and marginal farmers above the poverty level before talking about removing subsidies", Mishra told the Press Trust of India (PTI).

Mishra said he explained the intricacies of the Indian farm sector at length to Wolfensohn and added that agricultural subsidies in the country were one of the lowest compared to the west.

"This being so, there is a case for further help to Indian farmer rather than removal of subsidies, he said.

World Bank officials could not be reached for comment. But Mishra, a veteran leader of the Communist Party of India (CPI), claimed the World Bank team "was convinced by my arguments."

Mishra's comments came a day after Wolfensohn, who on Monday ended a seven-day trip

to India, pressed New Delhi to phase out agricultural subsidies in order to be internationally competitive.

"If India is to be competitive, it should phase out the subsidies," he said. "If you want to be in the international market, you may have to do it."

He said the World Bank was not singling out India on this issue. 80 per cent of population of India were marginal farmers and reforms in the agricultural sector, which employs millions were a must to end endemic poverty.

The Indian government has in the past refused to cut subsidies in agriculture, while agreeing to many other proposals of the World Bank aimed at opening up the economy.

India is considered to be one of the largest employers of children in a variety of industries. The number of child workers is estimated by independent sources at 20-to-50 million. Most work for a pittance.

India has been ruled by a centre-left coalition since June. Although it is committed to the free-market reforms its communist members are opposed to the policy of economic liberalisation.

Russia wants to expand trade ties with China

BEIJING, Oct 22: Russian Federation Council Chairman, Yegor Semenovich Stroyev, said in Beijing yesterday that Russia is willing to expand economic and trade co-operation with China, and especially to increase contacts between localities of the two countries, reports Xinhua.

Meeting representatives from Chinese industrial and business circles, Stroyev said that while undertaking the construction of its market economy, Russia is willing to establish a broad contact with other countries, and has always stressed the development of economic and trade links with China.

Over recent years, he pointed out, trade volumes between the two countries have been hovering at around five to six billion US dollars annually, which is relatively small for two nations with a shared border of 4,000 kilometers.

The two nations are complementary in their economies, and they have carried out fruitful co-operation in various sectors, Stroyev said, expressing "full confidence" over the prospects of future co-operation.

The Russian Federation Council, the legislature of the nation, is willing to pave the way for economic and trade co-operation between the two countries, he said.

Iraqi dinar plunging to new lows against dollar

BAGHDAD, Oct 22: The dinar, the national currency of sanctions-hit Iraq, is plunging to new lows against the dollar, compounding the hardships faced by most of Iraq's 20 million people, currency traders said on Monday, reports AP.

They said the dinar, whose fortunes mirror the economic and political mood in Iraq, was sold at about 1,800 dinars to the dollar on Monday, four times its official rate and down by almost 400 dinars from rates prevailing last month.

The traders said that, barring major positive developments, the dinar was expected to slide further. Like previous ones, the latest slide in the

value of the dinar caused the price of basic food items to rise.

But President Saddam Hussein, in power for 17 years, was unusually upbeat about the economy when he spoke at a Cabinet meeting on Sunday night.

In remarks published in Monday's government newspapers, Saddam heaped praise on the country's economic performance under sanctions, saying: "We grow stronger in will and ability the more tyrannical and evil our enemies become."

The United States attacked Iraqi military targets last month with cruise missiles.

Finnish telecom to supply digital mobile phone equipment to India

HELSINKI, Oct 22: Finnish telecommunications group Nokia has signed a 10 million dollar contract to supply a digital mobile phone switching system in Punjab state in India, Nokia said Monday, reports AP.

The deal between Nokia and Evergrowth Telecom Ltd includes a network switching center, operation and maintenance centers and a message service center. Evergrowth plans to launch the new service in December.

Earlier this year, Nokia has clinched several deals in India which it considers an important market.



Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are hereby invited for the following works under Rajshahi WD Division, BWDB, Rajshahi during the year 1996-97.

The tenders will be received during office hours on 4.11.96, 5.11.96 and up to 12.00 Noon of 6.11.96 and will be opened at 12.30 hours on 6.11.96 in presence of contractors who wish to be present. The enlisted A, B & C classes contractor under Water Dev. Board for the year 1996-97 are eligible to submit tenders.

The tender documents can be purchased from Sonali Bank, Ranibazar Branch/Greater Road Branch/Railway Complex Branch/Rajshahi Court Branch/Motihar Branch/Sopura Industrial Estate Branch, Rajshahi/Agrani Bank, Naogaon/Nawabganj/Sonali Bank, WAPDA Branch, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka and Pubali Bank Ltd, Chalah Beel Pay Both, Natore during banking hours on all working days up to 5.11.96.

Tender Notice No	Name of work with location	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Classes of contractor
2/96-97	(A) Protective work on the left bank of River Ganges at Sarengpur in PS Godagari, Dist Rajshahi during the year 1996-97. Reach No.1	Tk 6,20,043/-	Tk 15,501/-	'B' & 'C' class contractor
	(B) Protective work on the left bank of River Mohananda at Namonimgachi in PS & Dist Nawabganj during the year 1996-97. Reach No. 2	Tk 24,99,531/-	Tk 62,488/-	'A' & 'B' class contractor
	(C) Protective work on the right bank of River Mohananda from Munshiganj to Poladanga in PS Bholahat, Dist Nawabganj during the year 1996-97. Reach No.3	Tk 11,13,513/-	Tk 27,838/-	'A', 'B' & 'C' class contractor.

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Office of the Executive Engineer

Facilities Department, Ministry of Education

Narayanganj Zone, 119, B. B. Road, Narayanganj

Tender Notice

Tender Notice No : 10/NGHS/FUR/RENOVATION & DEVELOPMENT/FD/NZ/96-97. Dt : 16/10/1996

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2908 are hereby invited from the enlisted A/A-1 (one) contractors who are the bonafide furniture suppliers of this Department for supply of furniture to the Selected Non-Govt high schools under the project "Renovation and Development" of Non-Govt high school at thana level.

i. Particulars of works :

Group No	Particulars of works with location	Price of tender document (non-refundable)	Time for completion of works
01.	Manufacturing and supply school furniture to selected 06 (six) nos non-govt high school/Madrasa at Sadar/Bandar/Rupgonj thanas, Narayanganj District.	Tk 400/- (four hundred) only.	05 (five months in/c 02 (two) months for wood seasoning.
02.	Manufacturing and supply school furniture to selected 03 (three) nos non-govt high school/madrasa at Lohajanj/Sreenagar/Serajdikhan thanas, Munshiganj District.	-Do-	-Do-
i.	Last date and time for purchase of tender documents.	Up to 2.00 PM of 02/11/1996.	
ii.	Last date and time for submission of tender documents.	Up to 2.00 PM of 04/11/1996.	
iv.	Date and time for opening of the tender documents in presence of the tenderer if there by any	Up to 2.15 PM of 04/11/1996	
v.	Earnest Money: Each tender must accompany a Bank Draft/Pay Order from any nationalised/scheduled bank of Bangladesh for an amount @ 2% (two) per cent of the quoted tendered amount for each groups as earnest money in favour of THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, FACILITIES DEPARTMENT, NARAYANGANJ ZONE, NARAYANGANJ.		
vi.	Sales and submission of tender documents: Tender documents may be obtained from the office of the undersigned, office of the Zonal Executive Engineer, Dhaka/Mymensingh/Faridpur/Tangail/ Savar/Narsingdi/Kishoregonj/Madaripur Zone, office of the Asstt Engineer, Facilities Department, Munshiganj District and also from the Senior Asstt Secretary, Ministry of Education, Bldg No 06, Floor No 18, Room No 1825, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka and tender received on the above mentioned offices.		
vii.	Wing and Relevant Papers: Drawing and other relevant papers may be seen from the concerned offices on all working days during office hours.		
viii.	Instruction to tenderer: a) Insertion of any additional clause in the tender by the tenderer will render his tender to summarily rejection. b) The tender will quote item-wise rate both in figure and in words. c) Contractor/firms shall have to submit analysis for every items along with the tender. d) Tender schedule will not be sold to them who was not completed 80% (eighty per cent) of work which is awarded in the year 1995-96 under Narayanganj Zone, Narayanganj. e) The successful tenderers on issue of letter of intent will be required to execute a formal agreement in triplicate with the concerned Zonal Executive Engineer on tender document on cash payment of Tk 400/- (four hundred) only. (Non-refundable) for each set of document. f) Tender document may be obtained on producing the following documents: i. Up to date renewed enlistment registration book. ii. Up to date registration (trade licence) of firm with address, location of the factory, showroom. iii. Up to date income tax payment certificate. iv. Vat Registration certificate and turn over papers. v. Work order and completion certificate (attested by an officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer) for supplying of furniture amounting to Tk 10.00 (ten) lacs in single work order under any Government/Semi-Government Department. vi. Quantity/Nos of school may be increased or decreased. vii. Those contractors have not yet submitted the papers of renewal for the financial year of 1996-97 are not eligible for participation. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender(s) without assigning any reason whatsoever.		

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Executive Engineer
Facilities Department
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Narayanganj



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Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the bonafide stockists, suppliers, local assemblers, sole agent and sales distributors for supply, installation and commissioning of 1 No. 2 Ton capacity Window Type Air Conditioner for computer room of Flight Service Department, Biman, ZIA, Dhaka.

Tender papers with terms and conditions will be available in Cash and Banking Section at the 2nd floor in Biman Bhaban, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka on cash payment of Tk. 200/- (Two hundred) only (non-refundable) per set on all working days up to 04.11.96 during office hours. Tenderers shall have to submit with their tender 2.5% (two and half percent) of the total quoted value as earnest money in favour of Bangladesh Biman Corporation in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order.

Tender will be received in the office of the Dy. General Manager (B&W), 7th floor, Biman Bhaban, Motijheel, Dhaka up to 13.30 hrs on 05.11.96 and will be opened on the same day at 14.00 hrs. in presence of tenderers (if any).

Biman management reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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Dy. General Manager (B&W)

Thakurgaon Road Division

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 are hereby invited.

1.	Tender notice no	5, E.E.T of 1996-97.
2.	Name of work	Installation of internal electric line on Bode Debigon-Domer Jaldhaka in connection with proposed construction of Karotoa bridge under Thakurgaon Road Division during the year 1996-97.
3.	Head of accounts	266 Dev
4.	Estimated cost	Tk 14,50,977/-
5.	Earnest money	Tk 29,002/-
6.	Time allowed	30 (thirty) days
7.	Eligibility of contractor	'A' to 'D' general category of 'RHD' contractor
8.	Name of office where tender documents can be purchased	1. Executive Engineer (RHD) Road Division Thakurgaon/Dinajpur/Nilphaman Planning, Design Division Rangpur/Planning Division Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka 2. Sub-Divisional Engineer (RHD) Road Sub-Division Thakurgaon/Panchagarh
9.	Name of office where tender will be received.	1. Addl. Chief Engineer (RHD) Rangpur Zone, Rangpur. 2. Superintending Engineer (RHD) Road Circle Dinajpur/ Monitoring and Evaluation Circle, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka. 3. Executive Engineer (RHD) Road Division, Thakurgaon/ Dinajpur/ Nilphaman.
10.	Last date for selling tender documents (within office hours).	Upto 5-11-96.
11.	Date and time for receiving tenders.	Upto 12.30 PM on 6-11-96
12.	Date and time of opening tender box.	At 12.45 PM on 6-11-96
13.	Date and time of opening tender bids.	At 11.00 AM on 10-11-96.
14.	Date and time of lottery (if necessary).	At 11.00 AM on 13-11-96.

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Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD

Chittagong Road Division, Chittagong

Phone: 614897

RHD Notice Inviting Tender

Sealed tenders are hereby invited in Bangladesh Form No 2911.

1.	Tender Notice No	01 EE RHD Cht. Road Division 1996-97.
2.	Name of work	Construction of RCC box culvert, brick masonry retaining wall, brick pavement, at different KM of different roads under Chittagong Road Division, during 1996-97 in 5 (five) groups.
3.	Estimated cost	As per group list
4.	Earnest money	- do -
5.	Completion time	- do -
6.	Eligibility of RHD enlisted contractors	- do -
7.	Price of tender document	- do -
8.	Name of the offices where tender documents can be purchased (during office hours only)	Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Dohazari/Planning and Design Division, Ctg Planning Division (P and P), Dhaka and office of the undersigned and all Sub-Divisional offices under this division up to 3.11.96 Eng/19.7.1403 Bangla
9.	Name of offices where tenders will be received	1. Superintending Engineer, RHD, Chittagong Road Circle. 2. Superintending Engineer, RHD, Monitoring and Evaluation Circle, Dhaka. 3. Executive Engineer, RHD, Monitoring and Evaluation Division, Chittagong (on behalf of Addl Chief Engineer, RHD, Chittagong Zone). 4. Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Divn Chittagong, Dohazan.
10.	Last date and time for receiving tenders	4.11.96 Eng/20.7.1403 Bangla up to 12.30 PM.
11.	Date and time of opening tender.	9.11.96 Eng/25.7.1403 Bangla at 11.00 AM.
12.	Date of lottery (if necessary)	10.11.96 Eng/26.7.1403 Bangla at 11 AM.
13.	Chargeable Head	266, CA.
14.	Group list of works	

Gr No	Name of work & location	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Eligibility of contractor	Completion time	Price of tender document
1. (One)	Const of 3x6 10 Metre RCC box culvert at 19th KM (19/2 gap) of Fatikchhari Narayanhat-Heako Road under Chittagong Road Divn during 1996-97	Tk 57,67,771/-	Tk 1,15,356/-	'A' to 'C' Special	180 days	Tk 1,500/-
2. (Two)	Const of 4.57 metre RCC box culvert at 8th KM (8/3 gap) of Hafez Bazlur Rahman Road Do Do	Tk 9,43,648/-	Tk 18,873/-	'A' to 'D' Special	100 days	Tk 500/-
3. (Three)	Const of brick masonry retaining wall at 4th (P) 6th (P), 7th (P), KM of Hafez Bazlur Rahman Rd Do Do	Tk 7,22,190/-	Tk 14,444/-	'A' to 'E' General	45 days	Tk 500/-
4. (Four)	Const of brick masonry retaining wall at 2nd (P) 3rd (P) km of Hathazari Nazirhat Road Do Do	Tk 10,82,047/-	Tk 21,641/-	'A' to 'D' General	55 (days)	Tk 500/-
5. (Five)	Const of brick pavement at 7th(P) KM of Nazirhat Kazirhat Road Do Do	Tk 11,17,875/-	Tk 22,358/-	'A' to 'D' General	60 days	Tk 500/-

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