

Growers deprived as paddy prices fall

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Nov 11: The prices of paddy and rice have fallen in the markets of the district causing much inconvenience to the growers, market sources said.

The farmers of Jhenidah sadar, Sailkupa, Harinakundu, Kaliganj, Kotchandpur and Mohespur thanas of the district have been losing interest to cultivate paddy during the next season, due to the prevailing low price.

According to market sources, in different markets of the district one maund of Aus

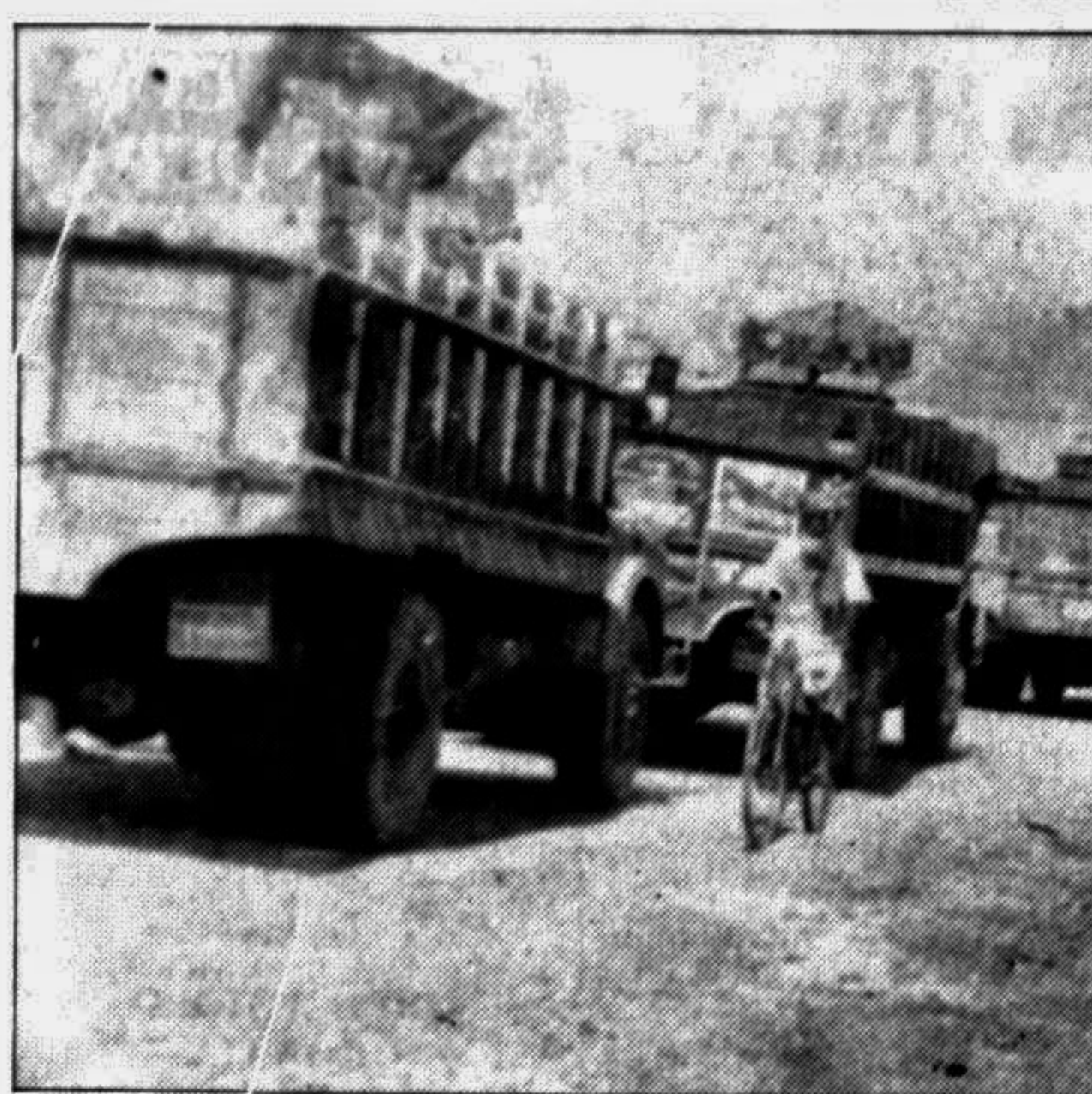
paddy is being sold between Taka 160 and Tk 170 instead of Taka 275 last year. Fine quality of paddy is being sold between Taka 210 and 220 per maund as against Taka 350 last year.

Some retailers and wholesalers said, due to fall in price of the paddy, the price of rice has also fallen in the market. Now ordinary quality of rice consumed by the low income group people specially the day labourers is being sold between Taka 9 and 9.50 per kilogram. But the price of the same was not less than Taka 11 last year.

Some farmers said, the price of fertilisers, pesticides, seeds and other agricultural inputs have shot up. Even labour of a day labourer can hardly be purchased with Taka 70 per day. As a result the production cost of paddy has ultimately increased.

The farmers further informed that at least Taka 320 is required to produce a maund of paddy. But now they have been compelled to sell their produce at a lower rate finding no other alternative. Due to low price of paddy, the production of the main crop might be hampered next year, it is apprehended.

When contacted Agriculture Extension Department (AED) Jhenidah sources said, the production of paddy in the district was satisfactory due to favourable climate and less pest attack.



CHAPAINAWABGANJ: Traffic jam is a regular feature on Sonamasjid Road here. Bad shape of the road is behind such frequent traffic jams. — Star photo

Tk 132 cr Rajshahi-Natore highway works in progress

NATORE, Nov 11: Work on reconstruction of 84 km road on the Rajshahi-Natore highway is progressing fast under the second Road Rehabilitation and Maintenance Project (RRMP) at a cost of Tk 132 crore, reports UNB.

The World Bank is providing 80 per cent fund for the project. The highway starting from Nagbari, Ghat will end at Sonamasjid in Chapainawabganj district.

The Natore-Rajshahi portion of the highway has been divided in three sections. The 40 km portion from Dashedura of Pabna to Natore will cost Tk 52 crore and the cost of the bypass will be Tk 20 crore.

The highway with a breadth of 40 feet will have 24 feet carpeting and 16 feet brick laying. Almost all the old bridges and culverts on the highway are being reconstructed.

However, it was learnt that a bridge over the river Narod and

another on the river Nandakujia on the Dashedura-Natore road are not being reconstructed.

The local people said both the bridges are in dilapidated state and dangerous for vehicular movement.

However, the authority is learnt to have taken measures to repair the damaged portion of the bridge over Nandakujia river.

When contacted the UNB correspondent learnt that the World Bank was reluctant to provide the required Tk six crore for the reconstruction of the two bridges. Similarly another bridge at Jhalmolia on Rajshahi-Natore road was lying

unrepaired due to lack of fund.

The bypass road at Natore beginning at Hariharpur ahead of the town would meet the Rajshahi-Natore highway through Tebaria Hat. The local people said, plying of vehicles would face obstacles at least three a week due to busy hat day.

It was reliably learnt that the World Bank is reluctant to provide the required money to divert the road from the Tebaria hat.

The work on the project began in 1995 and is expected to be completed in 1998. When completed the highway would be the longest road in the northern districts.

Dhaka WASA Tender Notice

(পানির অপচয় বন্ধ করুন। যানহাওয়ার চাকনা চুরি রোধ করুন)

Tenders are invited from Dhaka WASA enlisted 1st, 2nd & 3rd class mechanical & electrical contractors for the work removal of old condemned generator from upon truck/trolley and installing thereupon 125 KVA generator from Pagla depot and commissioning there of at an allotted cost of Tk 2,03,566/-.

Tenders will be received up to 12:00 Noon of 25-11-96 and will be opened before the tenderers or their representatives (if any present) at 2:00 PM on the same day.

Tender schedule will be available at the office of the Chief Accountant of Dhaka WASA, WASA Bhaban, 98, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka and at all the MODS Zone Offices of Dhaka WASA. Other details will be available at the office of the undersigned.

Address:

Elephant Road
Kakrail, Dhaka
WASA: PI-377/96
DFP-25081-4/11
G-1465

Executive Engineer
SOC Division
Dhaka WASA

Tank-lorry owners go on strike from today

KHULNA, Nov 11: The Tank-lorry Owners' Association of Khulna Division has decided to stop transportation of fuel from tomorrow (Tuesday) in protest against what they called harassment of their workers on the way to realise fine by Bangladesh Standard Testing Institute (BSTI), reports UNB.

Association sources said officials of BSTI seized several tanks in Jhenidah on Wednesday violating the directives of local Deputy Commissioner.

Local people apprehended that the prices of fuel and LPG may go up due to the stoppage of transportation in the division.

Students go on rampage in Cox's Bazar

From Our Correspondent
COX'S BAZAR, Nov 11: A tense situation was prevailing in the town following a bus accident in which a student leader was killed on Friday night, police said.

Fazlul Azam, 27, a leader of Islami Chhatra League of Chittagong University was killed on the spot when a minibus (Cg-Metro-JA-616) hit him from behind on his way home at around 11 pm. He was the son of one Abu Bakkar Siddique, former chairman of nearby Khurshidpur union parishad. However, no case was filed with the police since filing of this report at 8 pm on Saturday.

Violent students went on rampage and damaged at least 10 vehicles on Saturday as a sequence of the accident, police said. Azam was buried after the autopsy done at the sadar hospital on the day.

Additional police forces have been deployed by the district administration. No vehicular transport moved on the street from 6 am to 7 pm on the day.

Money lenders exploiting cultivators

From Our Correspondent

GOPALGANJ, Nov 11: Farmers of the district are severely affected by the high price of agricultural inputs and low price of the produce.

The economically hard-pressed farmers are exploited by money lenders who charge exorbitant rates of interests on loans.

Many farmers have had to sell their crops ahead of the harvesting season to the money lenders at rates as low as Tk 130 to Tk 160 per maund for availing loans to buy agricultural inputs such as seeds and fertilisers.

Due to crops damaged by natural calamities and the low price of their produce most farmers are not in a position to repay the loans taken from different banks.

The banks, including the Bangladesh Krishi Bank, have, however, issued notices to the farmers to repay their loans within specified period of time.

Many farmers are reportedly selling their land and household goods to repay the loans.

Manpower shortage hampers BSTI works

From Our Correspondent

MAJURA, Nov 11: Lack of adequate manpower, transport and other resources are severely hampering activities of Bangladesh Standard Testing Institute (BSTI), Khulna, for verifying and stamping weights and scales in different hats and bazars in the district, officials said.

Talking to an Inspector of BSTI, Khulna at a shop in Langal Eandh Bazar of Magura district recently it was learnt that they were verifying and stamping weights and scales in shops of different hats and bazars in the district.

He informed that they had already verified and stamped weights and scales in shops of Puruzo and Nutun bazar in Majura town. There has to be a halt on the back of every weight, small or large, during manufacture. An Inspector BSTI, shall visit every factory and place under his jurisdiction where weights and scales

Motor bike rider killed in road accident

KHULNA, Nov 11: A motor cycle rider was killed when a bus knocked him down at Daulatpur bus stand in the city Saturday, reports UNB.

Police said, Nazir Ahmed, 45, was injured seriously when a Dhaka bound bus knocked his motor cycle from behind. He died on way to hospital.

Another report from Bhola adds: A man was crushed under the wheel of a bus in Lalmotha thana on November 3.

Police said the victim Tajul Islam, 50, died on the spot while a speedy bus dashed him at Dawani Bazar in the thana. He was crossing the road.

Fake income tax inspector held

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, Nov 11: Beanibazar police arrested a fake income tax inspector from thana headquarters as income tax inspector.

Rafiqul Islam, a peon at the assistant commissioner office, Sylhet, was caught by the police while collecting money from a number of business establishments.

One killed, two hurt in road accident

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Nov 11: One person identified as Semul Islam, 30, was killed and two others were injured in a road accident near Kabirpur Primary School in Sailkupa thana Saturday night, according to police and eye-witnesses.

Two autorickshaws were involved in the mishap. The injured Mominia Khatun, 50, and Keramat Ali were first sent to the Sailkupa thana health centre and later to the Jhenidah sadar hospital. The body has been sent to hospital morgue for autopsy.

A case was filed with Sailkupa thana in this connection.

Diarrhoea kills 2 at Assasuni

SATKHIRA, Nov 11: Diarrhoea that broke out in flood-hit areas of Assasuni thana here on Saturday claimed two lives and affected 25 others, reports UNB.

The deceased were identified as Funti Bibi, 60, and Amin, 23. According to official sources, taking of adulterated food and contaminated water were the main reasons behind the spread of the disease.

BCL (S-P) sweeps in Shahzadpur College poll

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Nov 11: Bangladesh Chhatra League (S-P) bagged all the 20 seats defeating Jabyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and the Chhatra League rival faction BCL (K-C) in Shahzadpur College Students' Union election on November 2.

R&H Notice Inviting Tender

1. Tender Notice No : 89/EE/WD, Dhaka/1996-97.
2. Name of work : Supply of spare parts for different Pajero jeeps of different divisions sent to R&H Workshop Division, Dhaka.
3. Estimated cost : Tk as per schedule.
4. Earnest money : 2% (two per cent) of estimated cost should be submitted through BD/TC/ Sanchayapatra/CD from any scheduled bank on behalf of Bangladesh Bank in favour of the Executive Engineer, R&H, Workshop Division, Dhaka. 10% security money should be submitted before issue of work order.
5. Time for completion of work : 15 (fifteen) days from the date of work order.
6. Eligibility of contractors : R&H, Directorate enlisted 'A' to 'E' class contractors as per eligibility and rules.
7. Offices where tender and schedule will be available : Can be bought at Tk 510/- (non-refundable) per set with Bangladesh Form No 2908 from Workshop Division, Tejgaon, Dhaka/Executive Engineer, R&H, Workshop Division, Mymensingh till the day before the tender receiving date during office hours.
8. Officers & offices where tender will be received : Superintending Engineer, R&H, Workshop Circle, Tejgaon, Dhaka/ Executive Engineer, R&H, Workshop Division, Tejgaon, Dhaka/Executive Engineer, R&H Workshop Division, Mymensingh.
9. Last date & time of receiving sealed tenders : 21-11-96 up to 12:00 Noon.
10. Date & time of opening sealed tenders : 24-11-96 at 12:30 PM.
11. Head of expenditure : 2-Repair.

Md Humayun Rashid Khalifa
Executive Engineer, R&H (Mechanical)
Workshop Division
Tejgaon, Dhaka

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer (R&H)
Narayanganj Road Division
Simrail, Narayanganj

Notice for Leasing out R&H Swamps through Sealed Quotations

1. Quotation Notice No : 05 Narayanganj Road Division, year 1995-96 (third call).
2. Name of work : Leasing out for 3 (three) years Dhaka-Daudkandi, Demra-Narsingdi and Demra Jute Mill, Narayanganj Roadside Swamps acquired by order of Roads & Highways Directorate divided in 21 (twenty-one) groups only for pisciculture, under Narayanganj Road Division during 1995-96 financial year. As per schedule.
3. Group list of swamps : As per schedule.
4. Earnest money : 10% (ten per cent) of quoted amount through Bank Draft/Pay Order etc from any scheduled bank in favour of the undersigned.
5. Duration of lease : 3 (three) years after execution of the deed of agreement.
6. Offices the quotation papers to be had at : Executive Engineer (R&H) Road Division, Dhaka/Manikganj/Munshiganj/Gazipur/Narsingdi/Narayanganj/Planning & Designing Division, Dhaka Zone, Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka/Planning Division (Road & Bridge), Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka & Sub-Divisional Engineer (R&H), Bitik-andi/Narayanganj Road Sub-Division.
7. Offices to receive the quotation papers : Superintending Engineer (R&H), Dhaka Road Circle, Dhaka/Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Dhaka Zone, Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka & Executive Engineer (R&H), Narayanganj Road Division, Simrail, Narayanganj.
8. Last date & time of selling quotation papers : 18-11-96 up to office hours.
9. Date & time of receiving the quotation : 19-11-96 up to 1:30 PM.
10. Date & time of opening the quotation : 21-11-96 at 1:30 PM, Executive Engineer (R&H), Narayanganj Road Division.
11. Price of quotation papers : Tk 100.00 (one hundred) only (non-refundable).
12. Other terms & conditions : As per schedule.
13. Eligibility of lessee : Any reputed individual or trading firms/Roads & Highways Directorate's Road class enlisted contractors.

NB: Vide Memo No 3567(6) dated 20-6-94 of Superintending Engineer (R&H), Dhaka Road Circle, Dhaka, all tenders will be opened at the Divisional Office. As such it is requested to send the tenders in sealed condition to the Divisional Office in due time.

Md Feroj Khan Noon
Executive Engineer (R&H)
Narayanganj Road Division
Simrail, Narayanganj

R&H Notice Inviting Tender

1. Tender Notice No : 90/EE/1996-97.
2. Name of work : Supply of spare parts to repair Comte Shoe Grader (Model-G-D-505-A) of R&H, Dhaka Road Division.
3. Estimated cost : Tk as per schedule.
4. Earnest money : 2% (two per cent) of estimated cost should be submitted through BD/TC/ Sanchayapatra/CD from any scheduled bank on behalf of Bangladesh Bank in favour of the Executive Engineer, R&H, Workshop Division, Dhaka. 10% security money should be submitted before issue of work order.
5. Time for completion of work : 20 (twenty) days from the date of work order.
6. Eligibility of contractors : 'A' to 'E' class R&H Directorate enlisted contractors as per eligibility and rules.
7. Office where tender & schedule will be available : Can be bought at Tk 510/- (Non-refundable) per set with Bangladesh Form No. 2908 from Workshop Division, Dhaka/ Executive Engineer, R&H, Workshop Division, Mymensingh till the day before the tender receiving date during office hours.
8. Officers & offices where tender will be received : Superintending Engineer, R&H, Workshop Circle, Tejgaon, Dhaka/ Executive Engineer, R&H, Workshop Division, Tejgaon, Dhaka/ Executive Engineer, R&H, Workshop Division, Mymensingh.
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10. Date & time of opening sealed tenders : 24-11-96 at 12:30 PM.
11. Head of expenditure : T&R

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National Broadcasting Authority

Television Bhaban
Rampura, Dhaka

DTVA-62/9th part/2186 Dated: 15-07-1403BS
30-10-1996

Re-Tender Notice

No. T-460 (1996-1997)

Tenders are reinvited under sealed cover from bonafide shopowners/supplying firms for purchase of 180 Nos. Fax rolls, 216mm X 50m, Japan (paper & packing should be of Japan), as per sample. The quotations superscribing "Re-tender Notice No. T-460" on the sealed cover should be dropped in the tender box kept at Room No. 314 of Assistant Director (Pub), Bangladesh Television, Dhaka Station or Room No. 41 on 2nd floor of National Broadcasting Authority (TV) Central Office on 07-08-1403BS/21-11-96 by 11AM or before, which will be opened on the same day at 11:30 minutes before the quotations (if any) present. 5% of the total quoted amount should be deposited as earnest money (refundable) through Pay Order/Bank Draft in favour of Income & Expenditure Officer, National Broadcasting Authority, Television Section, Dhaka. Copies of Trade Licence renewed up to June '97, GIR & current financial year's bank solvency certificate attested by first class gazetted officer/first class magistrate should be submitted with the quotation.

The authority reserves the right to accept/reject any tender, accept in part or reject all tenders without assigning any reason.

Md. Harez Uddin
Dy-Director (Admin)
National Broadcasting Authority (TV)
Rampura, Dhaka
DFP-25036-3/11
G-1463 Phone Nos. 9331217, 9330131/9/237,251

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer
Public Works E/M Division-1, Dhaka

Memo No 15-14/2958 Dated: 2-11-96
18-7-1403BS

Tender Invitation Notice

No 49(96-97)

1. Tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 under sealed cover are invited from Public Works Directorate's special first class & those having E&M work's 1st & 2nd class contractor's licence & VAT registration certificate for the undermentioned work. Tenders will be received in the tender box kept at Public Works E/M Division-1/2/3, Public Works Eden Building Division, Dhaka up to 12:00 Noon of 24-11-96 and opened on the same day at 12:30 PM in presence (if any) of the tenderers. No tender will be sold on the date of opening tender. Last date of purchasing tender: 23-11-96.
2. Name of work : Installation of new fancy light fittings & tube light fittings in place of condemned bracket light, fancy bracket light of 'E' type quarters in officers' quarters (old) area at Sobhanbag.
3. Estimated cost : Tk 1,23,168/- only.
4. Time for completion of work : 15 (fifteen) days.
5. Earnest money at the rate 2% (two per cent) of the estimated cost in the form of Bank Draft/PO/CD from any scheduled bank in favour of Executive Engineer, Public Works E/M Division-1, Dhaka should be deposited with the tender.
6. Tender form, schedule of items, specification, terms & conditions etc can be seen & purchased on cash payment of usual price (non-refundable) during office hours up to the last date of purchasing tender from the offices of Executive Engineer, Public Works E/M Division-1/2/3, Public Works Eden Building Division, Dhaka. Tender form can be purchased by the contractor himself or his representative (carrying letter attested by the contractor) on production of registration book with necessary papers.

Quazi Abdul Malek

Executive Engineer
Public Works E/M Division-1
Dhaka, Phone: 9569820
DFP-25260-5/11
G-1466

Scaled tenders in BD Form No 2911 are hereby invited from the RHD, enlisted contractors according to their financial limit for the mentioned works under Munshiganj Road Divn. The tenders will be received/opened at fixed time & date of above mentioned offices.

Md Habibur Rahman
Executive Engineer, RHD
(Current Charge)
Munshiganj Road Division
Munshiganj

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