

**News snaps**

**Student killed in road accident**

GAZIPUR, Feb 11: A college student was killed and two other people were injured in a road mishap near Bhawal Bodre Alam College on Dhaka-Mymensingh highway on Tuesday, reports UNB.

Witnesses said Abdul Mannan, 20, final year student of the college, died on the spot when a speeding truck bound for Chandina crossing hit their rickshaw and ran over it in the afternoon. The rickshaw-puller and another passenger were also injured in the accident and they were admitted to Sadar hospital. Following the accident, the local angry people staged demonstration blocking road communication for half-an-hour. A similar accident on the point a few months back left a college teacher and a student killed. Police seized the truck, but the driver fled the scene. A case was filed with the police.

**Theft committed in Proshika office**

NARAIL, Feb 11: A daring theft was committed in the office room of Proshika, an NGO for human development, in the mid-night of February 3, reports UNB.

The muggers broke open the door of the office room and took away two motor cycles. Area coordinator of the organisation said there is no provision to post night guard here. Meanwhile, two shallow engines were also stolen from the cropfield at Bahirdanga village in Narail *pourasabha* recently causing suffering to the local farmers.

**Relief distributed among poor people**

NETRAKONA, Feb 11: Netrakona district administration distributed Taka three lakhs and eighty-seven thousand among the distressed of 85 unions and three *pourashavas* of the district on the occasion of Holy Eid-ul-Fitr, reports BSS.

Official sources here said, the names of the recipients who got Taka 100 each were selected by the chairmen of the unions and *pourashavas*. The amount was allotted from the Prime Minister's Relief Fund for distribution among the poor people, the sources added.

**Tubewells installation programme**

NOAKHALI, Feb 11: The Public Health Engineering Department has sunk 510 new tubewells, in all the six thanas of Noakhali district in this fiscal year, reports BSS.

According to an official source, with the installation of these tubewells, five lakh people of the district have benefited.

**Plan to popularise use of granular urea**

TANGAIL, Feb 11: Agriculture Department has taken up a programme to popularise the use of granular urea fertiliser in the district, reports BSS.

Under this programme awareness meetings with the farmers, block supervisors, agriculture officials are being held. Official sources said, seven machines have so far been installed in different thanas of the district for making granular urea fertiliser and more four machines of such type will be installed soon. In the last week of last month 80 tonnes of granular urea was sold in the district, the sources added.

**Fishing cat caught by villagers**

SYLHET, Feb 11: A fishing cat was caught by the villagers of Gurta khal area in Barothakuri union of Jakiganj thana.

However, its mother along with another cub managed to escape. The villagers captured the cat when two cubs along with their mother came down from the jungle-like spot near the Gurta khal. They later handed over it to the TNO of Jakiganj on Sunday afternoon. The Divisional Forest Officer in Sylhet collected the fishing cat on Monday afternoon and he himself took it to the Mirpur Zoo. The DFO informed, the cat weighs two and a half kg and its physical condition is a right. Another Leopard was caught at a village in Jaintapur thana on January 21 last and it was sent to the Mirpur Zoo by the Forest officials.

**Call for unity for people's welfare**

KISHOREGANJ, Feb 11: Deputy Speaker Abdul Hamid advocate has said that local government must be strengthened for the greater interest and development of the country, reports BSS.

He said, the government has already taken steps for this purpose. He was addressing an oath taking ceremony of the elected members at Itna thana on February 6. The deputy speaker urged all classes of people to be united for the welfare of the country.

**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**

Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics  
Strengthening the Agriculture Information System of BBS Project  
7/4, Block-A, Lalmatia, Dhaka-1207  
No 1-4/Kri/ta:sha:97-232 Dated: 08.02.1998

**Subject: Re-tender of tender notice no 43 dated, 01.06.1997 for pre-qualification of firms for data entry of Agriculture Census.**

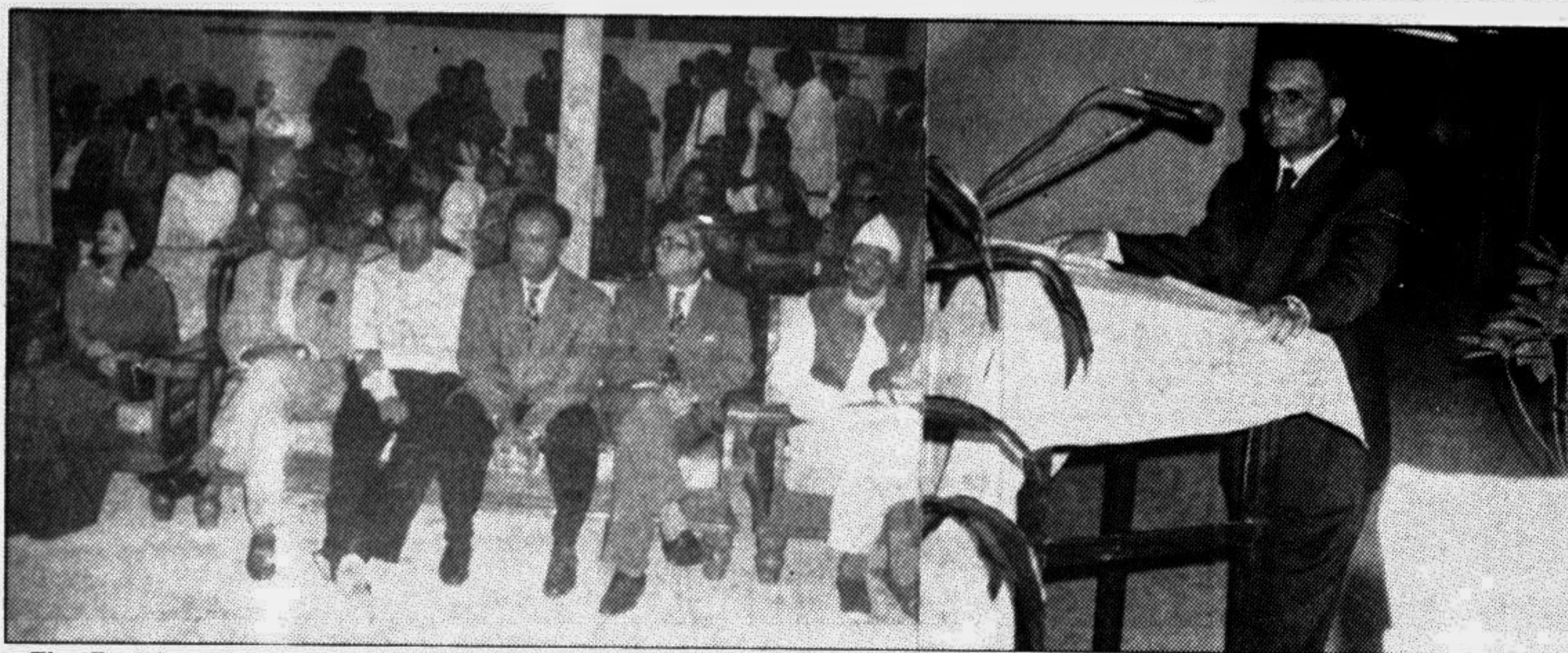
Applications are being invited from private firms for supplying required number of data entry operators/supervisors, PDC/BDC supervisors, Domain managers/controllers officers and other necessary MIS/accounting/technical personnel for capturing and preparing the data in ASCII format ready for computer tabulation according to the specifications described below of about 14 (fourteen) million households of Agriculture Census-1996. The job will be distributed to a maximum of 3 (three) firms according to the capability and past experiences to their credit.

The prescribed form may be purchased from the project office in lieu of paying Taka 400/- (four hundred) from project office at 7/4, Block-A, Lalmatia, Dhaka-1207 from 22.02.1998 to 26.2.1998 between 2.00 PM to 4.00 PM. Those who applied earlier need not do so again. However, additional information of firms, if any to their credit, may be furnished.

**Terms, conditions and specifications for the data entry job:**

- The selected firms will have to complete the job assigned to them within a maximum time period of 18 months.
- The supplied personnel will have to work in shifts in all days of the week round the clock in the designated computer centre of the project. The data need to be captured using a customized software developed by the project in a network environment.
- The selected firms will have to verify 2% of their entered data
  - run different validation/edit programmes
  - submit summary statistics of verifications/edit programmes by thana
  - consolidate the entered data by operators, by thanas and by district
  - transfer the verified and edited data in ASCII format in a suitable computer media
  - prepare the summary statements for preparation of bills according to specifications
- The firms will receive a 10%-15% commission of the data entry output subject to the recommendations of a hi-powered technical committee comprising of experts from different organizations including one nominated from amongst the firms.
- The selected firms have to abide by additional rules and regulations of the Government, when needed.
- The firms who can not accomplish their job in time will be held responsible, appropriate legal action may be taken against them and the security deposit, if any, may be confiscated without further explanations.
- The detailed work plan will be distributed when final selection is made.
- The authority preserves the right to take any decision in these matters.

DFP-2701-9/2/98 Md Hamidur Rahman Project Director G-233



The Feni branch of National Credit and Commerce Bank Limited organised a discussion meeting, cultural programme and dinner party at a local community centre on Thursday on the occasion of its yearly closing ceremony. Deputy Commissioner of Feni Nur Muhammad, Chairman of the bank M A Awal, Vice-Chairman Mahbul Alam Tara, Managing Director Mohd Sajidul Huq, Directors Mir Zahir Hossain, A B M Kamal Uddin Khan, Mostafizur Rahman, Sheikh Abdul Momin Minto, Tofazzal Hossain, Principal M Wazullah Bhuiyan, Al-haj Md Nurun Newaz Salim and prominent businessmen, industrialists and elite of Feni were present on the occasion. Photo shows the Chairman of the bank addressing the discussion meeting.

**686 criminal cases registered in Gopalganj dist last year**

From Our Correspondent

GOPALGANJ, Feb 11: As many as 686 cases were registered with five thanas of Gopalganj district in last year.

Gopalganj sadar thana sources informed, a total of 300 cases were lodged with the thana in 1997 which included three cases of murder, one of rioting resulting in murder, four of dacoity, three of robbery, 16 of burglary, fourteen of theft, six of rioting, one under Arms Act, one of abduction, two of drug addiction, eight of smuggling, one of rape, twelve of cruelty to woman and 228 of different other offences.

robbery, nine cases of burglary and theft, one of abduction, two cases of narcotic drugs, four of cruelty to woman and 34 of different other offences — a total of 54 cases were registered with Tungipara thana in Gopalganj district in 1997.

One case of dacoity, one of rioting resulting in murder, five cases of burglary and theft, one of rioting, two cases of narcotic drugs, three of cruelty to woman and 42 of different other offences i.e. a total of 55 cases were registered with Kotlipara thana in Gopalganj district in 1997.

A total of 126 cases were registered with Kasiani thana of the district in 1997: one case of murder, one of rioting resulting in murder, thirteen cases of rioting, six of dacoity, five cases of robbery, eight of burglary and theft, four of cruelty to woman and 88 of different other offences.

Mukshadpur thana police registered as many as 151 cases in 1997 which included four cases of murder, four of rioting resulting in murder, two of rioting, 13 cases of burglary and theft, two of narcotic drugs, one under Arms Act, one of smuggling, four of cruelty to woman and 120 of different cases.

**Trains become safe carrier of smuggling in N-region**

From Our Correspondent

NATORE, Feb 11: Mail, express and inter-city trains of different routes in the northern region have become a safer carrier for smuggling.

The smugglers in connivance with a section of employees of the railway department and members of law enforcing agencies are carrying their illegal business safely. Local business leaders alleged they said illegal traders are

carrying their smuggled goods like Indian sarees, cosmetics, sugar, salt, locks, shaving blades hiding in the power vans, buffet cars, water tanks and toilets of the trains to other parts of the country.

It is also alleged that some dishonest members of law enforcing agencies are carrying the smuggled goods to the train station. Getting signals the smugglers throw down their goods from the train outside the station.

Annura of Rajshahi-Chapainawabganj route, Arani of Rajshahi-Iswardi, Abdulpur of Natore, Sirajganj and Kushtia are the havens of smugglers passengers alleged.

For this, trains usually delay to reach the station causing problems to the passengers who urged the authorities concerned to take immediate steps against the smugglers.



Yakub Ali: Once a Freedom Fighter, now a beggar in Lalmonirhat. — Star photo

**Rice price up in Sylhet**

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, Feb 11: The price of rice has marked an upward trend in Sylhet region during the last one week.

The lowest quality of consumable rice is now being sold at Taka 15, a number of rice traders in Sylhet said on Tuesday afternoon. The situation is more or less attributed by the stoppage of rice import through Sutarkandi and Jakiganj borders since February 1 last, said a number of foodgrain traders. They added, about Taka 20 crore deposited against the LCs opened by more than 50 importers had been blocked due to the strike. The import had been stopped following the transport strike across the Indian border, sources said.

Meanwhile, much publicised programme of the Food Department OMS (Open Market Sale) is yet to draw the common consumers due to high price and low-quality of rice. Even half of the allotted rice could not be sold in Sylhet and adjoining areas, admitted an official of the Food Department.

The official also informed that, 12 dealers were appointed on Tuesday for distribution of rice under the programme in the Sylhet town at the rate of Taka 12.50 per kg. The dealers will sell one ton rice every day, he said adding that, two dealers were appointed in each of the ten thanas in district on Monday while dealer appointment in Gowainghat thana is yet to be completed.

In the district of Sunamganj, appointment of dealers had been completed in 6 thanas while in the rest 5 thanas it could not be done yet, an official source said.

While visiting the local rice markets, new Aman rice was found being sold at Taka 15 to Taka 16, *Shail* rice at Taka 16 to Taka 17, *Panjah* rice at Taka 17 to Taka 19, *Dinajpur/coarse* (boiled) Taka 16 to Taka 17, *Dinajpur Pajam* Taka 18 to Taka 19 and the Indian *Swarna shudhu* at Taka 17.

**Efforts on to eradicate poverty**

KHULNA, Feb 11: State Minister for Relief and Disaster Management Talukder Abdul Khaleq said here that the present democratic government has launched massive welfare-oriented development programmes throughout the country to eradicate poverty and illiteracy, aimed at establishing a prosperous society free from corruption and terrorism, reports BSS.

The state minister was speaking at a function organised to distribute interest free loans to poor people and scholarships to meritorious students of Mollahat thana at Mollahat Thana Parishad auditorium on Friday.

Presided over by Mollahat Thana Nirbahi Officer Jagadish Roy, the function was also addressed, among others, by Shaikh Helal Uddin, member of parliament as special guest, Awami League central leader S M Kamal Hossain, Juba League central leader Mizanur Rahman Mizan, president of Mollahat thana Awami League S M Latuqzaman, secretary Choudhury Ziaul Islam Panna and central Chhatra League leader Shaikh Ali Akbar.

**2 houses looted by dacoits in Narsingdi**

NARSINGDI, Feb 11: Miscellaneous looted goods worth Tk 3.80 lakh from two houses in separate dacoities in Raipur and Araihazar thanas on Thursday night that left five people injured, reports UNB.

Police said about 25 bandits entered into the house of Abdur Razzak at Abdullahpur in Raipur thana by breaking the door open at mid-night and looted goods worth of Tk 3 lakh.

The house owner, his nephews Kabir Hossain and Siraj sustained bullet injuries as the dacoits shot them before decamping with the booty including gold ornaments and cash.

The injured were admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

On the same day, another gang of dacoits looted goods worth of Tk 80,000 from the house of Abdul Hakim at Bishnandi village in Araihazar thana stabbing the house owner and his wife Anwara Begum grievously.

Police said about 16 bandits entered into the house by breaking the door open and fled with the booty. The goods included cash, gold ornaments and other valuables.

Separate cases were filed with the police stations.

**Directorate General Defence Purchase**  
Ministry of Defence  
New Airport Road, Tejgoan, Dhaka-1215

**Tender Notice**

1. Sealed tenders are invited in local/foreign currency from bonafide manufacturers/dealers/suppliers/indentors (enlistment with this Directorate General is not necessary) for supply of the following items for Bangladesh Army:

Sl No.	Nomenclature	Date of Selling From	To	Date of Opening	Currency	Tender No	Remarks
a	Gram (Whole) — 85 Metric Tons.	25-2-98	24-3-98	25-3-98	Local	521/P-8	Cost of 1/T Tk 500.00

2. Tender schedule with detailed specifications will be available on payment (Not refundable) as per 1/T selling rate during office hours between 0800 hours to 1300 hours. The tender will be dropped latest by 1000 hrs and opened at 1005 hrs on concerned opening dates in front of tenderers present at that time.

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for Director General

বাংলাদেশ বিজ্ঞান ও শিল্প গবেষণা পরিষদ  
**BANGLADESH COUNCIL OF SCIENTIFIC & INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH**

Ref No. Sectt/Engg/112/79-97/P-II (949) Dated: 4-2-98

**Re-Tender Notice**

Sealed tenders are hereby invited for the following works:

Sl. No.	Name & place of works	Cost of T. documents	Category of contractors
1.	Repair & maintenance of Deep Tubewell with Turbine Pump Motor in the campus of Paikpara Housing Estt., Mirpur & enhancement of the column Pipe of Deep Tubewells in the campus of BCSIR, Dhaka (as per schedule)	Tk. 400/-	Experienced enlisted contractors of DPHE & WASA.
2.	Supply & installation of 4" dia submersible pump for the Deep Tubewell situated in the Paikpara Housing Estt., Mirpur, Dhaka as per schedule (subject to fund available).	Tk. 400/-	-do- & other Manufacturing Company.

Tender documents may be purchased from the Cashier of Bangladesh Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (BCSIR) Sectt., Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi, Dhaka during office hours on cash payment (non-refundable) on production of (showing) the neccy. documents such as (i) Trade licence; (ii) TIN; (iii) VAT certificate; (iv) Work order; (v) Experience certificate; (vi) Bank solvency etc. & obtained permission from the Supdt. Engr. BCSIR, Dhaka up to 22.2.98 which will be received in the Tender Box kept in the office of the Supdt. Engr., BCSIR, Dhaka up to 26.2.98 before 2:00 PM & the same will be opened on the same day at 2:30 PM in presence of tenderers/representatives (if any). 2.5% of the quoted rate must be submitted from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh as E. Money in favour of "BCSIR" Dhaka as Bank Draft/Pay Order duly crossed & marked "Account Payee" with the tender documents.

The authority of BCSIR is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender without assigning any reason whatever.

Necy. information may be collected from the Supdt. Engr., BCSIR, Dhaka.

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BCSIR, Dhaka.

**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
Local Government Engineering Directorate  
Office of the Executive Engineer  
Chandmari, Narayanganj

Memo No. LGED/EE/N/ganj/Tender-105/98/259 Dated: 03.02.98

**Tender Notice**  
No. 17/1997-98

Tenders subject to the undermentioned terms & conditions in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 under sealed cover are hereby invited from Local Government Engineering Directorate enlisted & this Directorate's project pre-qualified contractors/contractor firms for implementation of the undermentioned schemes of 1997-98 financial year.

- Tender to be purchased from : Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka (as per rules), Superintending Engineer (Maintenance), Executive Engineer, LGED, Dhaka/Manikganj/Munshiganj/Gazipur/Narsingdi, office of the respective Thana Engineer & the undersigned.
- Tender to be submitted at : Do
- Last date & time of purchasing tender : 22.2.98
- Date & time of submitting tender : 23.2.98 up to 1:00 PM.
- Date & time of opening tender : 23.2.98 at 1:30 PM.

**Terms & conditions:**

(A) Earnest money at the rate 2.50% (two point five zero per cent) should be submitted with the tender in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank in favour of Executive Engineer, LGED, Narayanganj.

(B) Detailed specification and other terms & conditions can be seen at the office of the undersigned during office hours.

(C) Contractor personally or through his representative can purchase the tender document on cash payment (non-refundable) as per sample mentioned in the schedule of schemes on production of contractor licence book.

(D) Shuttering must be done with steel shutter or plain steel covered seasoned timber.

(E) Work schedule starting time for completion of each phase work should be submitted with the tender. Tender without work schedule will not be received & will be treated as cancelled.

(F) Rate in overall percentage should be quoted in figures & words at the designated place of submitting rate. There must not be any striking off, erasing or overwriting in writing rate and tender struck-off and erased will be instantly cancelled.

(G) Tender with rate more than 5 (five) per cent below will be treated as cancelled outright.

(H) In case of quoting rate more than 5 (five) per cent above, itemwise rate analysis must be submitted with the tender. No photocopy of rate analysis or that with striking off, erasing, overwriting will be acceptable as cancelled forthwith. Quantity of goods of Sub-section shown in the rate analysis of various items of LGED should be treated as final.

(I) Attested true copy of contractor enlistment/pre-qualification licence, VAT registration & Tax Identification Number (TIN) must be submitted at the time of submitting tender. Otherwise tender will be treated as cancelled.

(J) Receipt of purchasing schedule must be submitted with the tender and only Group Code number should be distinctly superscribed on the submitted envelope. Those who have not done road work worth Tk 40.00 lakh earlier under a single work order will not be considered for purchase of tender for work worth Tk 50.00 lakh.

(K) Tenders can be submitted by Registered with A/D post, as per the tender notice, at the tender receiving offices. But in that case the tenders must reach the respective office before the last time of receiving tender. Otherwise that won't be acceptable.

(L) In case of any amendment brought to the estimate/schedule at the time of approval after scrutiny of estimate by the head office, accordingly, necessary amendment will be issued to the work order & the contractor shall be bound to abide by the same. Besides under no circumstance any amendment to the estimate or additional work can be done without prior permission of the head office. Work order will be issued after receipt of approved estimate from head office.

Sl No	Name of work	Estimated cost	Price schedule	Time limit	Class of contractor
01.	Development of R&H to Pachaniviamangalgaon Battala Bazar Road under Sonargaon thana with AS+25mm carpeting.	12,50,000/-	500/-	60 days	Special A&B class
02.	Development of Nabiganar-Dariganon Road under Sonargaon thana with AS+25mm carpeting.	50,00,000/-	1000/-	90 days	Special & A class

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