

## Bangladeshi expatriates urged to help flood victims

MADINAH, Aug 31: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has called upon the expatriate Bangladeshis here to help the people of the country who are suffering untold miseries in the devastating flood, reports UNB.

Talking to the expatriate Bangladeshis at her hotel suite today, Hasina said the devastating flood in the country engulfed a vast region and affected several crores of people.

She said the government has already taken adequate measure to face the flood and is conducting massive relief operation in all the flood affected areas.

"But the government effort alone is not enough and all should come forward to face the calamity," she added.

The Prime Minister said she had called upon all, including the opposition parties, to stand beside the flood affected people. "But response from the opposition is not encouraging."

She mentioned that the government has mobilised all its efforts to tackle the situation, and is sending adequate relief and providing medicare to the flood victims.

"The government is very much sincere about all these and has set up a transparent system for relief distribution," she said.

Hasina also listed the government steps for "real development" of the people, particularly of the distressed.

She said the government has introduced Ashrayan project for the homeless people and pension scheme for the elderly poor.

The Prime Minister said the government has a plan to set up

## BNP condemns filing of 'false' cases against its leaders

BNP secretary general Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan on Monday condemned the filing of "false" cases against party chairperson Khaleda Zia and other BNP leaders, reports UNB.

In a statement, Bhuiyan said the government maintains its bad precedent of filing false cases after being completely failed to stand by the flood victims.

He said the cases filed against Begum Zia, BNP Standing Committee member M Saifur Rahman, MP and former state minister Abdul Mannan, MP, were fabricated and ridiculous.

The BNP secretary general said after showing this hostile attitude to the Opposition, the Prime Minister's call to unity stand by the flood-hit people amounts to fraud.

## Relief & post-flood rehabilitation Dhaka seeks Tk 4131 cr foreign aid

Bangladesh has sought 879 million US dollar equivalent to Tk 4131 crore of foreign assistance for immediate relief operation and post-flood rehabilitation programme, reports UNB.

According to a preliminary assessment of the requirement made by the Economic Relations Division (ERD), the country's need for immediate flood relief are 1.35 million tons of foodgrains worth 242 million dollar and 112 million dollar as cash assistance.

The post-flood requirement for rehabilitation has been estimated at 461 million dollar and 57,000 tons of CI Sheet worth of 64 million dollar.

The preliminary estimate of requirement in different sectors has been sent to all the donor countries and agencies.

However, a high official of ERD told the news agency yesterday that the estimate was provisional and it might go up depending on the duration of the flood.

According to the estimate, the immediate requirement of the Ministry of Food is 1.35 million tons of foodgrains. This included the requirement of the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief 75,000 tons of rice and the Local Government Division — 27,000 tons of wheat.

It would require 242.5 million dollar to procure the foodgrains. The total shortfall of rice production due to flood will be about 8,30,000 tons. For immediate flood relief,

the Agriculture Ministry has sought 13.19 million dollars in cash to buy and supply inputs like seeds and fertilizer to 50 per cent of the affected farmers.

The Local Government Division also needs 21.28 million dollar to repair Dhaka City roads, 9.38 million dollar to repair the tub-wells and for sanitation, 4.60 million dollar for road rehabilitation or improvement and 0.50 million dollar for Dhaka WASA.

The Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief also sought 3.20 million as cash aid.

The Ministry of Health has sought 1.75 million dollars to procure medicine and equipment and the Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock has asked for 5.03 million dollars to provide cash grant and buy vaccines, veterinary medicine and supply inputs.

The Primary and Mass Education Ministry has demanded 10.6 million dollar to repair primary schools used as flood shelters while the Ministry to Education has asked for 23 million dollar to repair and rehabilitate physical facilities of the educational institutions damaged by flood waters.

The Communication Ministry has sought 16.48 million dollar to rehabilitate roads and highways and 2.85 million dollar to repair railway tracks damaged by flood.

For post-flood rehabilitation programme, the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief has asked for 1,50,000 tons of rice for Vulnerable

Group Feeding, 57,000 tons of CI Sheet (equivalent to 64 million dollar) for house building grant, 3,75,000 tons of wheat for rebuilding rural infrastructure and 7.23 million dollar for house building grant.

The Ministry of Agriculture sought 4.70 million dollar for agriculture mechanisation programme, 25.30 million dollar for phosphate, 6.25 million dollar for potash, 3 million dollar to repair deep tubewells and 0.15 million dollar to procure vegetable seeds.

The Ministry of Water Resources needs 150 million dollars to repair embankments, sluices, culverts and other structures while the Local Government Division has sought 34.17 million dollar to repair metal roads, bridges, culverts and growth centres, 25 million dollar for rehabilitation works and 2 million dollar to repair pipes and sewerage lines under Dhaka WASA.

The need of the health and Family Welfare Ministry has been estimated at 4.50 million dollar for repair and rehabilitation of union sub-centres and family welfare centres while the estimate of the Ministry of Education is 48.90 million dollar to repair and rehabilitation of the education institutions.

The Primary and Mass Education Division has asked for 95.70 million dollar to repair and reconstruct primary schools while the Ministry of Communication has sought 53.84 million to repair and reconstruct the rural roads.

## Bangabandhu Murder Case

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longer be protected and people are dying of starvation. So, we will have to topple this government."

The modus operandi was to bring people into their conspiracy to execute the plan, he submitted. "Innocent people were trapped," he said.

This is not willing participation of the soldiers... they (soldiers) were not told anybody will be killed," Huq said making a point why the soldiers were not made accused in the case.

Quoting another witness, he said Maj Rashid even told the soldiers "not to worry if any sound of firing was heard from inside (Bangabandhu's house)."

The officers persuaded the jawans by giving them an impression that they were going for a noble cause, the SPP said.

Touching on legal points about conspiracy, Huq submitted that "conspiracy itself is an offence. Whether conspiracy succeeds in its objective or not, in itself it's an offence."

He said, "There are two things: conspiracy's root and conspiracy's fruit."

The root started from the meeting at BARD in March 1975, he added.

Huq said the three-day Chittagong Divisional conference at BARD was held at the initiative of Mahbubul Alam Chashi, whose appointment at BARD came with Mushtaque's blessings. The conference was nothing but a plea to meet together to discuss the plan of conspiracy.

Referring to PW-43 Prof Khorshed Alam, he said on the second day of the conference Maj Rashid and another army officer came to BARD and went to Mushtaque's room at the rest house. After sometime, Chashi took Taheruddin Thakur to that room and came out after 30-40 minutes.

Although it was a divisional conference, but only one or two MPs out of 26 from Comilla district attended, he said.

The Special Public Prosecutor termed the conference at BARD the "beginning of the conspiracy."

He said although "we don't know what they had discussed"

**President shocked**  
President Shahabuddin Ahmed yesterday expressed deep shock at the killing of R M Saiful Alam Mukul, editor of the Daily Runner, reports UNB.

In a condolence message, he said the unidentified assailants have hurt the sentiment of the peace-loving citizens, especially the journalist community of the country.

He hoped that the officials concerned would take appropriate actions in bringing the culprits to book.

The President conveyed his heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family members and prayed for eternal peace of the departed soul.

**Mukul buried**  
R M Saiful Alam Mukul was laid to rest at Bejpara graveyard in Jessore yesterday.

His namaj-e-janaza was held at the Jessore Eidgah Maidan.

but it can be presumed that a conspiracy started.

He added then in May-June the second meeting was held in the name of a football tournament at Mushtaque's village home and another conference held in June-July at Daudkandi in the name of family planning that was attended by Maj Rashid, Maj Ferooz, Maj Shahriyar and a few other officers.

Quoting Section 10 of the Evidence Act, Huq said: "Where there is reasonable ground that two or five persons conspired to commit an offence, anything said, done or written with a common intention will go against others."

The prosecutor referred to Taheruddin Thakur's confessional statement, where he said that on August 14 Khandaker Mushtaque told him that Ziaur Rahman came to him (Mushtaque) twice this week and said his (Zia) people have become restless to do something.

Thakur also stated in his confession quoting Mushtaque that Zia said they want to change the power by force and if necessary they are ready to do anything.

Huq said Thakur in his statement further said that on a query, Mushtaque said he has given his consent and asked Thakur to be with him.

In his bid to establish involvement of Thakur in the conspiracy, the SPP quoted Thakur as saying, after hearing the announcement of Maj Dalim over radio on August 15 morning, "I understood the decision was executed."

So, Thakur very well knew about a decision and Mushtaque had informed him about everything at least a day before the occurrence, he argued.

The Special Public Prosecutor, who is likely to conclude his argument today, will furnish the court with a chart of the prosecution witnesses and who said what about which accused.

Giving a personal explanation at the tag end of his argument, Serajul Huq said a political party has condemned him for implicating late President Ziaur Rahman in the murder case.

Huq told the court that he did not say anything on his own about Ziaur Rahman. His name came up in course of evidence, he said adding: "A lawyer does not say anything of himself or for himself, but for others."

As defence lawyer Abdur Razzak Khan protested Huq's remarks humiliating late President Ziaur Rahman, the prosecution lawyers accused him (Khan) of pleading for BNP, not for his clients.

## President at seminar

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development, trade unionism should be left to the workers themselves, free from political interference," the President said.

Chaired by BCI President Sharif M Afzal Hossain, the function was also addressed by Rapport managing director M Mosharrar Hossain and outgoing World Bank Country Director Pierre Landell-Mills.

Emphasising the need for good educational background for a manager, the President said "the standard of education is very low at all levels in Bangladesh," because of large-scale unfair means in examination and absence of congenial atmosphere in educational institutions.

Industrial enterprises, nationalised by the 1972 government, were run by administrators who practically had no competence, skill and efficiency, the President said.

On the other hand, trade unions misunderstood the idea of nationalisation and exceeding their limit started interfering in the management affairs, he added.

"Both managers and labour leaders adopted corrupt means for self-aggrandisement," Shahabuddin commented.

Combined result of this chaotic situation was the colossal loss in all the enterprises, estimated at Tk 2,500 crore a year, the President said.

He referred to the privatisation process, adopted by the government to stop this financial loss of national state exchequer, "... but its progress is slow," he said.

"... but what is the guarantee

that the privatised enterprises will be run properly if their managers are not efficient having character and integrity?" wondered the President.

Finance Minister Shah A M S Kibria said although the world economy is moving through a difficult time, Bangladesh enjoys a stable economic growth.

He expressed his gratitude to his predecessors — the former finance ministers — to help Bangladesh economy remain so far stable in the backdrop of economic crisis faced by many ASEAN countries, South Korea and even Japan.

"Former finance ministers helped us keep our economy still safe by not taking big loans in short terms," Kibria said.

Explaining the economic policy of the present government, the finance minister said, the policy has largely encouraged export and production.

He feared that the 5.9 and 5.6 per cent economic growth during the last two years may be affected by the current devastating flood.

He admitted that the donors are not satisfied with the government's achievement in reform process.

"But we're going ahead with the reforms: Financial sector reforms will be completed in less than two years," he assured.

He also said the government is firm to take any measures, which sometimes may seem unpleasant to bring discipline in financial sector.

Kibria said professional managers are key to success. He cited the example of efficient management in garment sector that brought it success.

## Asia-Pacific committee Girl Guides Assoc Nat'l Commissioner elected member

National Commissioner of the Bangladesh Girl Guides Association, Rehana Banu, has been elected member of the six-member Asia-Pacific Committee of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts for a tenure of 3 years, says a press release.

Earlier, a 4-member Bangladesh team led by Rehana Banu attended the Asia-Pacific conference of the World Girl Guides and Girl Scouts Association held in Brisbane, Australia recently. Other members of the team included Syeda Rehana Imam, Mahiya Parvin and Farah Ruhida.

## Moudud awarded fellowship

Moudud Ahmed, former Vice-President and Member of the Standing Committee of BNP, has been awarded a Fellowship as a Visiting Scholar by the Harvard University funded by the Ford Foundation, says a press release.

He left Dhaka yesterday and will stay at Harvard till the end of October. He will work at the Fairbank Centre for East Asian Research on his next book and will make presentation at the Modern Asia Seminar Series at the University.

## First class first

A K M Azad stood first class first in MSc examination of 1994 from the department of Geology (Thesis Group/Group B), Dhaka University, says a press release. Second son of Anwar Hossain Bakaul, Azad also secured first position in BSc (Hons) from the same university in 1993. He hails from village Charvaga of Shariatpur district.

**Obituary**  
An eminent personality of the Buddhist community and an educationist Babu Shashanka Bimal Barua died at BIR DEM Hospital on Sunday at 11:30 am. He was 86, says a press release.

He left behind six sons, one daughter and fifteen grandchildren to mourn his death. His youngest son Shelu Barua is a prominent vocal artist and the Public Relations Officer of National Bank Limited. The funeral of Barua will be held at his village home at Aburbari in Rajan, Chittagong.

## More countries, UN bodies pledge \$65m aid

UN bodies, international organisations and friendly countries have so far committed or pledged relief assistance for flood victims which in cash and goods together is worth about 65 million US dollars, sources said in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

The United States, which has committed 200,000 metric tons of wheat worth 40 million US dollars, is likely to raise the amount to 260,000 metric tons.

The United Nations family today announced that it was providing initial assistance of 1.16 million US dollars for the flood victims, a press release of UNDP said.

It said the contribution included 260,000 US dollars from UNDP/OCHA (Office for the Co-ordination of Humanitarian Affairs of UN), 200,000 dollars from WFP, 500,000 dollars from UNICEF and 200,000 dollars from WHO. The coordinated response by the UN family came in the backdrop of an appeal made by the government for assistance for the victims of the floods that have submerged two-thirds of the country, the press release said.

The funds provided by the UN agencies will be used for the purchase of plastic sheets for

emergency shelter, water purifying tablets, ORS IV fluids, high energy biscuits, tubewells and sanitation materials.

Other major donors included Kuwait which announced a contribution of two million US dollars and Australia which is urgently going to ship 86,000 tons of wheat worth 17.2 million dollars. Besides this, Australia also announced to make a cash contribution of one lakh Australian dollar.

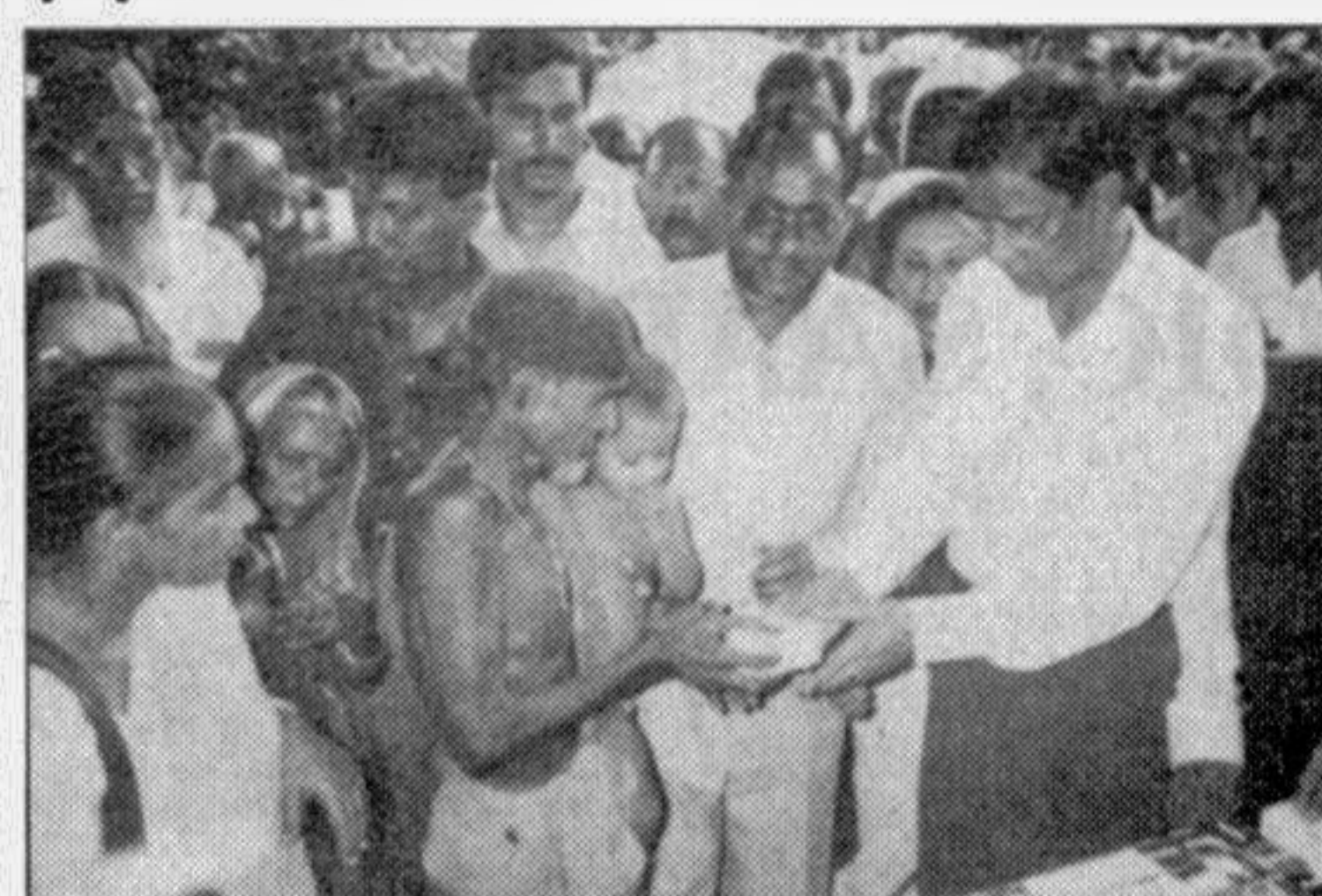
Donors included Canada, European Union, Germany, Japan, the Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom. Some of the assistance committed by these countries will be channelled through NGOs and Red Crescent or Red Cross.

The United Kingdom which is providing 400,000 pound sterling, is also shipping bridging materials worth 3 million pound sterling, the press release added.

UNB adds: A United Nations Disaster Assessment and Co-ordination (UNDAC) team has arrived in Bangladesh on an emergency mission to assist in development, compilation and "packaging" of an appeal document and on-site assessment for resource mobilisation.



Anando, a national NGO dedicated to Youth Rescue Development, organised a cultural function at the German Cultural Centre recently to raise fund for flood-affected people.



Hamdard Bangladesh distributed relief materials among the flood victims who have taken shelter at Banglabazar Girls' High School in the city yesterday. On behalf of the organisation, DCC Mayor Mohammad Hanif giving relief goods to an old man. Managing Director of Hamdard is also seen.



Pharmadesh Laboratories distributed relief materials among the flood victims in the city's Basabo, Goran and Lalbagh areas on Friday.

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 Bangladesh Television invites sealed International Tenders from reputed manufacturers or manufacturer's authorised suppliers through their appointed local agents in Bangladesh for supply of the following equipment specified in the tender schedule:

VHF BAND-III TV TRANSMITTER TUBE.  
 The import will be financed by BTV's cash allocation.  
 Tender document with detail specifications and scope of supply is obtainable from the Accounts Section of NBA (TV) on payment of Tk. 750.00 (Taka seven hundred fifty only, non-refundable) per set on all working days between 10:00 Hrs to 16:00 Hrs BST up to 22nd October, 1998 at the above address. No tender document will be sold on the day of opening tender. Tender bid must accompany an earnest money in favour of Drawing and Disbursing Officer, NBA (TV) equivalent to 2% (Two per cent) of total C&F price in the form of Bank Draft/Bank Guarantee/Pay Order from any local scheduled bank.

Tenders will be received in the office of the Chief Engineer (TV), NBA House, 121, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Shahbagh, Dhaka-1000 up to 12:00 Hrs BST on 25th October, 1998. The received tenders will be opened at 12:10 Hrs BST on the same date (i.e. 25-10-1998) in presence of the representatives of the bidders (if any).

Bangladesh Television reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders bids without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
 Office of the Executive Engineer  
 PWD Divn. No. II, Rajshahi  
**PWD Tender Notice**  
 Number 09 of 1998-99 Eng.

Tenders in sealed cover are hereby invited in Bangladesh Form No-2911 from undermentioned approved contractor of PWD for the undermentioned works. The tender will be received by the undersigned and as well by the Executive Engineer, PWD Divn. No. I, Rajshahi/Natore/Naogaon/Pabna and Sub-Divisional Engineer, PWD Sub-Division, Nawabganj up to 12:00 Noon on 16-09-98 Eng. in the tender box kept for the purpose in the room of their respective offices and will be opened on the same day at 12:15 PM in presence of the tenderer who may like to remain present.

Earnest money must accompany with each tender in BD/SDR/PO or CD in favour of the undersigned from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh. Tender documents can be seen and obtained from the Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Divn. I & II, Rajshahi/Natore/Naogaon/Pabna and Sub-Divisional Engineer, PWD Sub-Divn. No. II, Rajshahi and Nawabganj on payment of fixed charge (non-refundable) up to during the office hours on 15-09-98 Eng.

Sl No	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Class of Contractor
1.	Construction of Boundary Wall and MS Gate around the Resource Room and Hostel Bldg. under the expanded programme of Integrated Blind-Child Education at Sadonpur of Puthia P.S. in the Dist. of Rajshahi.	Tk. 3,95,608/-	Tk. 7,913/-	All classes of approved building (Civil) contractor of PWD.

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**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
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**Notice Inviting Tender**  
 No 12/1998-99

1. Tenders in sealed covers in the BD Form No 2911 are hereby invited from the approved bldg & sanitary contractor of PWD Department for the undermentioned works. Tenders will be received by the undersigned as well as the Sylhet Divisional Commissioner's office, Sylhet & Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Sunamganj/Moulvibazar/Habiganj under PWD Circle, Sylhet on 15-09-98 up to 12:00 Noon and will be opened on the same day at 12:15 PM in presence of the tenderers who may like to remain present at the time of opening.

Group No	Name of work	Estimated cost in Taka	Earnest money in Taka	Time allowed	Eligibility of contractor
1 (one)	Constn of 95 thana bldg at type plan (2nd phase) (Sub-head: Constn of thana-cum-barrack bldg at Gwainghat, Sylhet)	50,98,697/-	1,02,000/-	10 (ten) months	Special Class-I & Class I bldg contractor
2 (two)	-do -do -do (Sub-head: Constn of thana-cum-barrack bldg at Zakiganj, Sylhet)	50,98,697/-	1,02,000/-	10 (ten) months	-do-
3 (three)	-do -do -do (Sub-head: Constn of thana-cum-barrack bldg at Kanaighat, Sylhet)	50,98,697/-	1,02,000/-	10 (ten) months	-do-
4 (four)	-do -do -do (Sub-head: Sanitary & water supply arrangement for thana-cum-barrack bldg at Gwainghat, Sylhet)	5,82,776/-	11,700/-	3 (three) months	Class-I & II sanitary contractor
5 (five)	-do -do -do (Sub-head: Sanitary & water supply arrangement for thana-cum-barrack bldg at Zakiganj, Sylhet)	5,82,776/-	11,700/-	3 (three) months	-do-
6 (six)	-do -do -do (Sub-head: Sanitary & water supply arrangement for thana-cum-barrack bldg at Kanaighat, Sylhet)	5,82,776/-	11,700/-	3 (three) months	-do-

2. Contract documents consisting of BD Form No 2911, schedule of items, additional terms & conditions etc can be seen and purchased from the office of the undersigned & Sylhet Divisional Commissioner's office, Sylhet and Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Sunamganj/Moulvibazar/Habiganj under PWD Circle, Sylhet & Sub-Divisional Engineer-I/II/III/IV of Sylhet PWD Divn on payment of usual charges of Gr No 1, 2 & 3 Tk 775/- (Taka seven hundred seventy-five) only & Gr No 4, 5 & 6 Tk 425/- (Taka four hundred twenty-five) only non-refundable per set of schedule, terms & conditions and as per copy of BD Form No 2911. Tender form may be purchased by the intending contractor himself or by his authorised representative on production of up-to-date renewed book of Registration & other requisite papers of his eligibility with signature of the representative duly attested by the contractor on any day during the office hours up to 14-09-98.

If the contractors quote the same rate in the tender the lowest tenderer will be selected by lottery which will be held on 22-09-98 at 12:00 Noon in the chamber of office of the undersigned.

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