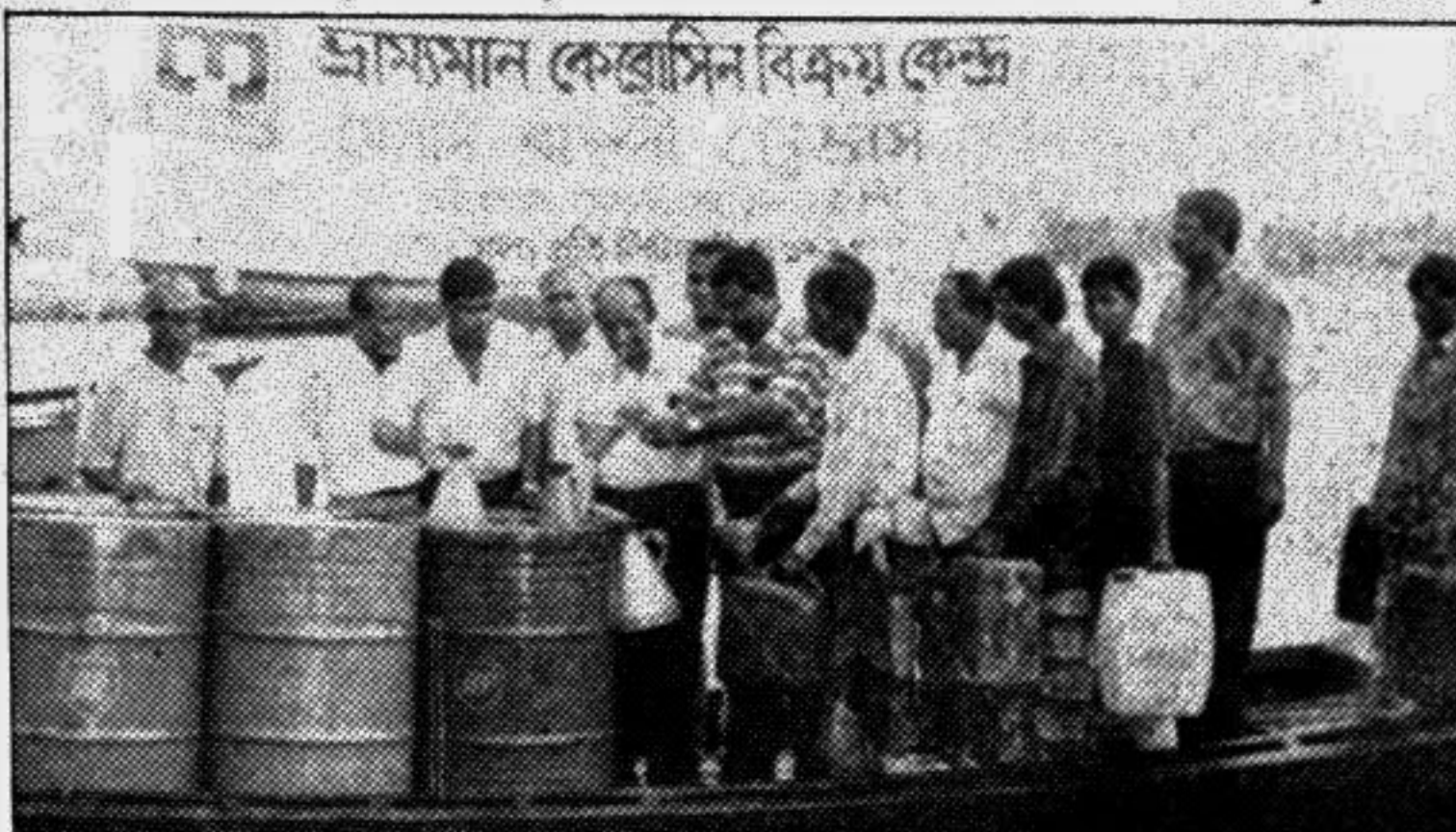




Two children await their mother, who has gone out to look for means of getting some food, at a relief shelter in Mirpur area yesterday. —Star photo



Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) Chairman Md Anwar Hossain opening a floating outlet in the city yesterday to make kerosene available in flood affected areas.

More international aid for flood victims

Medicines worth one lakh US dollars donated by India are expected to reach today. External Publicity Wing (EPW) of the ministry of foreign affairs said yesterday, reports BSS.

The consignment in 54 cartons weighing 750 kg is being air freighted today. Indian High Commission informed EPW, in the city.

This is the initial response of India to the flooding in Bangladesh with indications for supplying foodgrains and seeds at a later stage.

Meanwhile, Renee Veyret, the French ambassador to Bangladesh, told BSS yesterday that a French ship making a friendly call to Chittagong port this week will bring some medicines for the flood-affected people. She said France which has already announced half a million francs (85,000 US dollars) as contribution to relief operation, is expected to make additional declaration of assistance (including food) soon.

She said French physicians have also been alerted to fly in if Bangladesh needs their service when flood water starts to recede opening the country to the potential risk of epidemics.

She said 5 lakh francs would be used through UNICEF which has a network all over Bangladesh.

Another report adds: A delegation of Kuwait Red Crescent Society is now visiting flood affected areas of Bangladesh to assess the extent of damage as well as evolve possible ways to supply relief materials including foodstuff here.

The delegation, comprising Ibrahim Khali, member of the administrative board as president of the relief committee, Wafa Al-Atique, member of administrative board, assistant secretary general Yusuf Al-Meraj and Hasan Al-Hossaini, also distributed relief materials among the flood affected people in Narayanganj. The relief materials include rice, pulses, oil, milk, food, potato, biscuits, bread, salt, water purifying tablets, medicines for diarrhoea, candles and matches.

The delegation is also discussing with concerned authority the selecting of a suitable land for construction of multi-purpose shelter which can be used as school, clinic and orphanage in the donor's name under supervision of Kuwait Red Crescent Society.



General Secretary of Zonta Club 1 Jesmin Chowdhury distributing relief at a local school in 'Ghacha', a village near Tongi, where flood victims have taken shelter.

More donations to PM's relief fund

More organisations and individuals yesterday donated floods relief in cash and kind amounting to over Taka three crore seven lakh to the Prime Minister's Relief and Welfare Fund, reports BSS.

Besides, the High Commissioner of Sri Lanka to Bangladesh donated one lakh US dollars to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund.

While receiving the donations at her office, the prime minister expressed her deep gratitude and thanked them for their good gesture towards the distressed people. She also hoped that more organisations and individuals would also come forward to help combat the sufferings of the flood-hit people.

A total of 17 cheques for Taka two crore fifty eight lakh thirty two thousand and seven hundred twenty was handed over by the Education Minister as one day salary of the officers and employees of Education Ministry and various departments under the ministry and the teachers of non-government schools, colleges and madrasahs.

Other donors included City Bank Ltd. Taka five lakh, Fung Wang Group of Banani Taka two lakh and noodles worth Taka three lakh, one day salary of the officers and employees of Dhaka Divisional Commissioner's office equivalent to Taka two lakh thirteen thousand and one hundred, Dhaka Catholic Arch Bishop Taka two lakh, Bangladesh Association of International Recruiting Agencies (BAIRA) Taka ten lakh, Textiles Minister Taka eleven lakh forty-five thousand eight hundred thirty, Hunda Engineering and Construction Co. Ltd Taka one lakh, Nayabazar CI Sheet Merchants Association Taka one lakh, National Security Intelligence (NSI) Taka one lakh fifty thousand, Social Welfare and Women Affairs Ministry Taka four lakh sixty two thousand and nine hundred forty-six, Pioneer Insurance Co Taka one lakh, and Khulna City Corporation Taka one lakh.

Different organisations distribute relief goods

Different government, non-government and voluntary organisations distributed relief in the city and other affected places of the country yesterday, reports BSS.

BAF
Bangladesh Air Force started operating its helicopters for despatching relief materials for the flood victims from the city yesterday.

Two sorts of BAF helicopters ran to despatch five tonnes of flattened rice (*chira*) and two tonnes of molasses (*gur*) from the city to Chapainawabganj yesterday, said an ISPR release.

The relief materials provided by the Minister of Disaster Management and Relief were handed over to the local administration at Chapainawabganj.

Bangladesh Army
Bangladesh Armed Forces continued relief and rescue operations throughout the flood-hit country, an ISPR press release said yesterday.

As part of the army's massive operations, three contingents of troops from the Comilla area took part in relief and rescue operations at Chandpur, Matlab and Haimchar in Chandpur district since August 26.

They rescued the marooned people from the worst-hit areas and evacuated them to safer places. They also distributed relief goods among the flood victims and worked relentlessly to protect important roads and embankments (with the help of boulders) in close cooperation with the local elite.

BES
Bangladesh Environmental Society (BES) distributed relief materials to 500 flood affected families at Banani, says a press release.

They distributed *chira*, molasses, candle sticks, match boxes and oral saline packets among the people.

Zonta Club
Zonta Club-1 members distributed relief materials to about 250 households affected by flooding of the river Turag recently, says a press release.

The relief work covered an area between Joydevpur and Tongi. Materials distributed included rice, salt, oral saline and hurricane lamps.

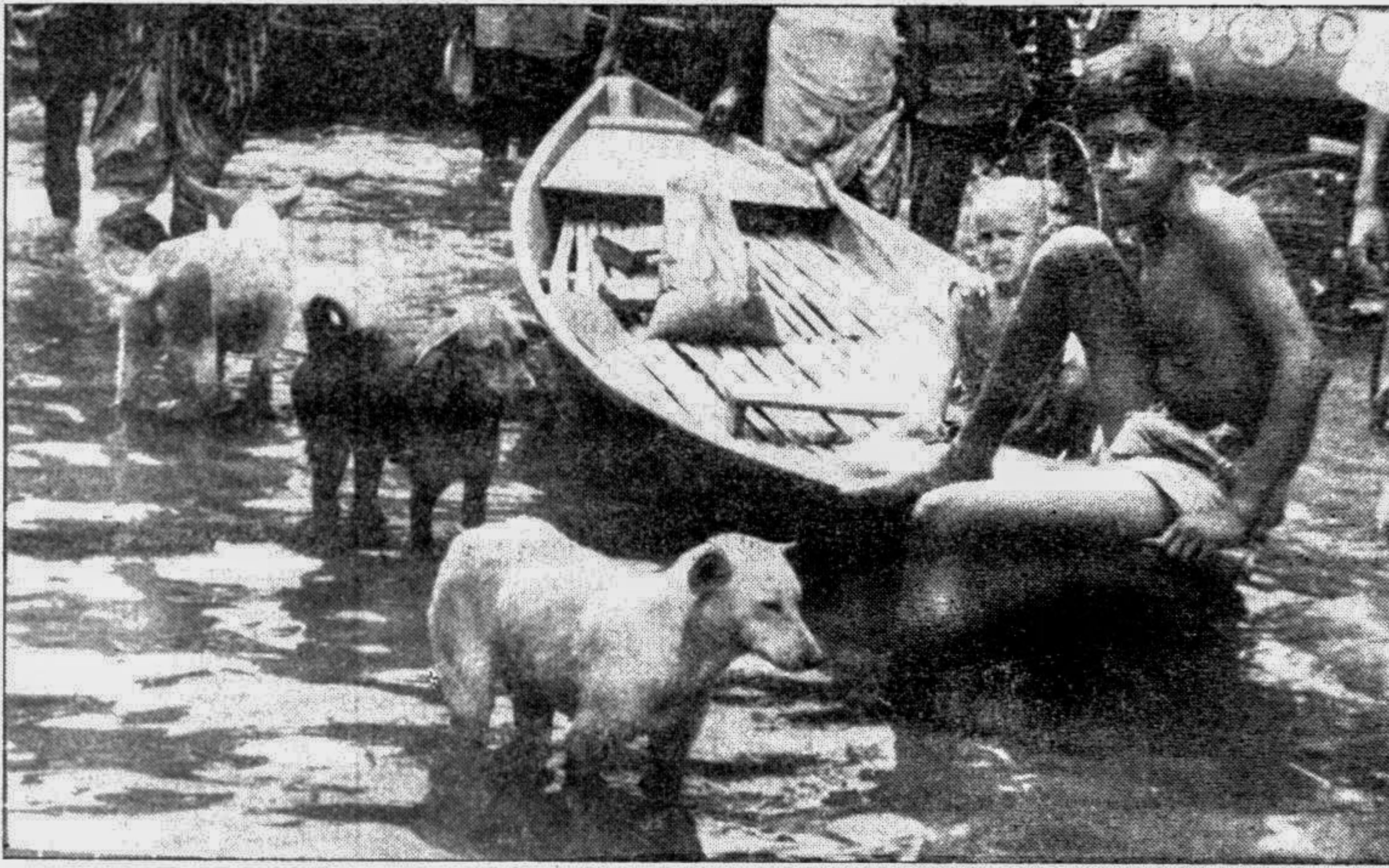
The club has also received a promise from "Kushaal" a clothing outlet, that they will contribute 10% of their September sales towards their fund.



Prof Dr Khawaja Amjad Saeed, an eminent management expert from Pakistan (sitting 4th from right), is seen with the participants of a training course on 'Balance Sheet Analysis' held recently at Dhaka Club organised by Rapport Bangladesh Limited.



The bamboo frame at Nandipara in the city that was made for pedestrians has gone under water with the rise of water level in all rivers. — Star photo



The entire Bashabo area is under flood waters. Even the street dogs looking for refuge. — Star photo

Move for BNP MPs resignation

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session of the Sangsad today.

BNP's parliamentary wing is likely to witness a heated debate on the resignation issue when it meets to discuss issues relating to this session of the Parliament.

Till yesterday, none in the party handling the matter could specifically mention the exact number of BNP MPs who have deposited their resignation letters. But some of them estimated the figure to be around 80.

Chief Whip of the Opposition Khandakar Delwar Hossain is overseeing the matter. Asked last night, he said, he has no idea how many of his party MPs have so far deposited their resignation letters.

Asked how they will get the resignation letters of those MPs who are still reluctant, the Chief Whip said, "We'll be able to understand this tomorrow (Monday)." He said the party MPs who are yet to deposit their resignation letters, will be contacted when they join the Parliament session.

Beginning early last month, the process of depositing the BNP MPs' resignation letters slowed down as a large section of the legislators cold-shouldered the party's Standing Committee decision. Angered by this, Begum Zia instructed the Chief Whip to collect resignation letters from all party MPs before this session of the Parliament.

Accordingly, the Chief Whip, along with other party whips, launched a five-day drive to expedite the process. The special drive ended on August 27. But it failed to ensure collection of letters of all the BNP lawmakers. The party then decided to continue the move. Party Whip Abu Yusuf Mohammad Khalilur Rahman then explained that the rest of his parliament colleagues still remained out of contact.

"We'll get their letters when they return Dhaka to join the Parliament session..." the whip had told The Daily Star Friday night.

Another whip, Major (ret'd) Hafizuddin Ahmed, told this correspondent a few days back that the progress of depositing resignation letters was not clear and admitted that there were problems in it.

Major (ret'd) Akhtaruzzaman is one of those BNP lawmakers who are vehemently opposing the move.

"I'm not ready to swallow the untimely decision of resigning from the Parliament, I think, I'll lose the moral ground to enjoy the privileges of an MP if I sign the resignation letter, no matter when it is submitted to the Speaker or accepted by him," he told The Daily Star last night. "On moral ground," he says, "I don't support the idea of signing the resignation letter and continue to enjoy privileges as a Member of Parliament."

"In my view it's not the appropriate time to resign when the people have a lot of expectations from us and we're falling to meet the same due to non-cooperation by the government," he said.

"If I at all sign my resignation letter, I'll also resign from the primary membership of BNP and quit politics as well. Because, politics is not my means of livelihood."

Asked about the signature campaign against the resignation, he said, he heard about it but none approached him.

Govt sanctions 500 mt rice, Tk 6 lakh

The government yesterday sanctioned 500 metric tons of rice and Tk five lakh for six flood affected districts of the country, reports UNB.

Disaster Management and Relief Ministry allotted 100 mts of rice and Tk one lakh for each of Madaripur, Brahmanbaria, Narail and Lakshimpur districts and 50 mts of rice and Tk 50,000 for each of Nilphamari and Sunamganj districts.

With this, the government so far has allotted 69,818 metric tons of rice, 400 metric tons of wheat and Tk 4.71 crore among other relief materials.

Sympathy for flood victims

A number of world public organisations, including the World Peace Council, have expressed their sympathy for the flood victims of Bangladesh, reports BSS.

No exams held at Shahjalal University

From Staff Correspondent
SYLHET, Sept 6: Situation at the Shahjalal University of Science & Technology has been tense as Honours and Masters final examinations could not be held today as scheduled due to resistance by students.

Additional police force has been deployed on the campus to avoid any untoward incident.

Gazipur PWD Division Tender Notice

Tender No 10/98-99.

Gr No	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time allowed for completion of the work
I (one)	Construction of Dhaka Central Jail at Kashimpur in the Dist of Gazipur (SH: Constrn of 4-Classified and 30-General Prisoner's Kitchen and dining hall of Jail No I) during the year 1998-99.	Tk 16,15,306/-	32,307/-	120 (one hundred twenty) days from the date of issue of work order
II (two)	- d o - - d o - - d o - (SH: Providing sanitary & water supply arrangement to 4-Classified and 30-General Prisoner's Kitchen and dining hall of Jail No I) during the year 1998-99.	Tk 1,11,997/-	2,240/-	60 (sixty) days from the date of issue of work order

3. Price of tender schedule : a) Tk 775/- (Tk seven hundred seventy-five) only per set (Gr No I (one)).
b) Tk 425/- (Taka four hundred twenty-five) only per set (For Gr No II (two)).

4. Place of selling tenders : a) Office of the undersigned including all Executive Engineers' offices under Savar PWD Circle, Dhaka
b) Divisional Commissioner's office, Dhaka Division, Dhaka (For Gr No I (one)).
c) Sub-Divisional Engineer's office, Sub-Division No V, of Dhaka PWD Division No IV, Dhaka (For Gr No I (One)).

4. Place of receiving & opening tenders : a) Office of the undersigned including all Executive Engineer's offices under Savar PWD, Circle, Dhaka.
b) Divisional Commissioner's office, Dhaka Division, Dhaka (For Gr No I (one)).
c) Office of the Executive Engineer (Staff Officer), PWD Dhaka Zone, Dhaka (For Gr No 1 (One)).

5. Last date of selling tenders : During office hours up to 23-9-98.
6. Date of receiving & opening tenders : Up to 12-00 Noon on 24-9-98 and will be opened on the same day at 12-15 PM.

7. Eligibility of contractors/firms : Category applicable as per financial limit of approved enlisted to compete in the tenders contractor of PWD.

8. To participate in the tender pre-conditions, terms and conditions with special terms and conditions alongwith relevant information are laid down in the tender schedule which the tenderer should go through before going for bidding.

9. The undersigned reserves the right to reject or accept any or all of the tenders without assigning any reason.

Executive Engineer
Gazipur PWD Division, Gazipur.

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2.	ZFCL/OS-2031 (Re-Tender)	Gear Coupling Country of Origin: Japan/Germany/USA/France	-do-	750.00
3.	ZFCL/OS-2024	Oil Seal & O-Ring Country of Origin: Japan/Germany/UK/USA or any other West European country	21-10-98 at 2.30 PM	400.00
4.	ZFCL/OS-2041 (Re-Tender)	2 (Two) MT Hydrazine	-do-	400.00
5.	ZFCL/OS-2054	Diesel Forklifter (Complete Unit) with two years' spare parts	-do-	750.00

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