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Environmental management

Guidelines to be formulated for selected sectors

In a major step towards protecting the country's environment, Bangladesh has launched a project to formulate sectoral guidelines for environmental management, reports UNB.

Inaugurating a day-long inception workshop for the preparation of the guidelines, State Minister for Forest and Environment H N Ashiquar Rahman said yesterday that the government has taken a number of steps, which has prepared the ground for environmental protection.

The objectives of the sectoral guidelines are to guide, promote and facilitate the environmental performance in the selected sec-

tors. These will provide technical information and make recommendations.

A project of the Ministry of Environment and Forest under Sustainable Environment Management Programme (SEM), the Sectoral Guidelines for Environmental Management Action Plan and National Environmental Management Action Plan.

The state minister said the Environment Court Act 2000 was passed in national parliament in April this year to try the offenders under the Environmental Conservation Act.

He, however, said we need new investments either for environment-friendly technologies or for cleaning up wastes.

Experiences of development in the industrial world have shown that pollution curves go up at the initial stages of development, he said, adding that once a certain level of development and income level are achieved, demands for better environmental quality is created and the market as well as the society respond accordingly.

Referring to discrimination, he said 20 per cent population of the developed world is enjoying 80 per cent of the total wealth. And it is not possible to alleviate poverty until this discrimination is eliminated.

Speaking on the occasion, World Bank Country Representative Frederic Temple said helping to reduce poverty substantially within a generation is the focus of the World Bank's mission in Bangladesh.

He said Bangladesh's economic performance in the past decade has been encouraging in many respects, with per capita output growing at three per cent a year. He said income-poverty declined in the first half of the decade, and there was striking improvement in a wide range of human development indicators.

Frederic, however, said although poverty reduction trends continued into the late 1990s, Bangladesh still faces formidable challenges and constraints in poverty reduction.

He said for substantial poverty reduction within a generation, economic growth needs to increase by 2-3 per points and growth has to be more broadly based and equitable.

He hoped that formulation of sectoral guidelines would provide a strong base for addressing the poverty-environment linkages.

Chaired by Forest and Environment Secretary Syed Margub Morshed, the inaugural function was also addressed by UNDP resident representative Andrew Clap, Dr Mafizul Huq of SEMP and Saidul Huq of SIRC.

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State Minister for Environment and Forest Ashiquar Rahman speaking at the inception workshop on 'Sectoral Guidelines for Environmental Management' held at Sheraton Hotel in the city yesterday.

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Eid-e-Miladunnabi programmes

The government has drawn up elaborate programmes to observe the upcoming Eid-e-Miladunnabi, the birth and death anniversary of Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (SM), reports UNB.

The programmes include discussion meeting, milad mahfil, special prayers, seerat mahfil and destitute feeding across the country.

The programmes are finalised yesterday at a high level meeting held with State Minister for Religious Affairs Maulana Nurul Islam in the chair.

On the day, the national flag will be hoisted atop government and non-government buildings while city streets and traffic islands be decorated with flags and banners inscribed with Kalima Taiyeba.

The ministry will hold a milad and waz mahfil with special prayers at Bangladesh Secretariat mosque.

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