

Bhuiyan for amendments to Pourashava Acts

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LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan yesterday underscored the need for a 'time befitting' municipality act bringing amendments to the 'Pourashava Act' of 1977.

"We have to bring some amendments to the existing pourashava act incorporating some innovative ideas and plans to cope with the present day need and to bring dynamism in activities of the local government body," he said.

The minister said the local government activities are virtually

absent in pourashavas as the election to this local government body is not being held timely, which creates leadership crisis. The minister said these while inaugurating a training course organised by the National Institute of Local Government (NILG) at its auditorium for the newly elected Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) commissioners as the chief guest.

Dhaka City Mayor and Fisheries and Livestock Minister Sadek Hossain Khoka also attended the function as special guest.

Among others, LGRD and Cooperatives Secretary AYBI Siddique spoke on the occasion with

Director General of NILG A K Shamsul Huq in the chair.

Calling upon the newly elected DCC commissioners to discharge their duties with utmost sincerity and honesty, Mannan Bhuiyan said, "You (commissioners) have to work for ensuring civic amenities to the city dwellers as they voted you to fulfil their hopes and aspirations".

"Your first and foremost duty is to present a clean and healthy city to city dwellers free from traffic congestion and all sorts of criminal activities," he said.

The minister directed the city commissioners to take a massive

plan to recover all open spaces, including the parks, from the illegal occupants, digging ponds and removing all hanging latrines to ensure a healthy city.

Referring to the city corporation budget, the minister asked them to increase income of the DCC to run its activities smoothly without depending on the government. You have to be economically viable ensuring tax collection, he added.

He called upon them to expedite mosquito control drive in their respective localities.

Putting emphasis on training, Dhaka City Mayor Sadek Hossain

Khoka said there is no alternatives to training for building human resources.

In this regard Khoka referred to the city corporation initiatives that the corporation in its annual budget for the current fiscal has allocated Tk 50 lakh to facilitate training to the commissioners abroad. All the DCC commissioners would be provided training in phases under the project, he added.

Khoka hoped that the newly elected ward commissioners of the DCC will play a vital role in running the DCC activities effectively and efficiently after being trained.



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