



ADAMJEE INDUSTRIAL PARK PROJECT MAY BE DELAYED

No money yet for land, machines also not shifted

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The Planning Commission on Wednesday decided to include the project on Adamjee Industrial Park in the Annual Development Programme of fiscal 2004-5 in a bid to create about nine lakh job opportunities and revamp the garments sector.

"We submitted the PCP (project concept paper) to the Planning Commission on April 22 and it was included in the ADP," said Matiuir Rahman, deputy general manager of Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation (BSCIC).

"We are waiting for approval for project money to get land from the jute ministry," Rahman said.

The BSCIC looks set to start the work of Adamjee Industrial Park by July 1 with the 2006 deadline for completion. The PCP was earlier slated for 2003-5, but the project period was revised to 2004-6 as the machinery of the now-closed Adamjee Jute Mills was not relocated.

BSCIC officials fear the project might be delayed further if money does not come before July 1 and if the jute ministry takes more time to shift the machinery from the mills premises.

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provide Tk 414 crore of the total fund. "The government is subsidising Tk 202.50 crore," Rahman said.

Adamjee Industrial Park will be located on 294.88 acres. The prices of land were reduced to Tk 60 lakh from Tk 89 lakh a bigha earlier fixed by the jute ministry.

Under the project, 198 acres will be distributed among interested garments and textiles

companies: 77.5 acres are allocated for readymade garments (RMG) factories, 81 acres for weaving industries and 39.5 acres for dyeing and printing factories.

There will be 1,530 factories on 455 plots: 1,428 RMG factories will be set up on 332 plots, 81 weaving factories on 81 and 21 dyeing and printing factories on 42.

"The RMG factories will provide 8.5 lakh job opportunities, and weaving and dyeing will provide more than 24,000 and 25,000," the DGM said.

A common effluent treatment plant will be set up on 5 acres to protect the Shitalakhya river from pollution, with industrialists bearing the cost of establishment and maintenance.

"A container yard on 25 acres will be allotted to businesspeople. A three-star hotel will be within the compound of the park on two acres as well," Rahman said.

Other areas of 66.88 acres will be used for an administrative building, a fire-brigade office, a police outpost, an electric grid line, an internal road and drainage.

The BSCIC will also keep the pond, playground, high school on Adamjee campus for the employees' children.

"We hope to start the work of the project by July, but it depends on how quickly the machinery is relocated from Adamjee Jute Mills. It needs rigorous negotiations from the jute ministry," said BSCIC Chairman Md Solaiman Khan.

DIRECTIVE GOES UNHEEDED

Buses with extra seats yet to be dealt with

FAIZUL A TANIM

The Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) is yet to implement a Ministry of Communications directive, which asked it to cancel the registration and route permits of buses and minibuses plying in the capital with extra seats by April 30.

Communications Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda asked the BRTA to take appropriate action against offending buses in a follow up meeting of the National Transport Safety Council (NTSC) on April 23. The minister set a one-week deadline to deal with the situation.

But Ansraddin Khan, the Dhaka Metropolitan Police's Deputy Commissioner (Traffic-South), said that they had prepared a list of buses with extra seats and handed it over to BRTA.

"We have listed around 520 buses having more seats than the number specified in their 'blue books'.

"These overcrowded buses are likely to cause accidents. Because they tend to tilt to one side while moving," he added.

"The fine for buses having extra seating is between Tk 1, 250-Tk 2, 500 depending on its size."



The police official confessed that other than slapping fines and listing unfit buses, their hands were tied.

"After submitting the list to BRTA it is their responsibility to take action or not," Ansraddin clarified.

Kashem Mia, a bus driver on the Gulshan-Motijheel via Farmgate route, pointed out that a minibus actually ought to have 32 seats and a big bus 50-52 seats. However, according to bus conductor Akbar most big buses had more than 60 seats.

Police sergeant Mizan of Tejgaon Zone admitted that while buses were checked at either the starting or ending points, however it wasn't possible to verify the numbers of seats at a stopover point such as Farmgate because of the rush of passengers.

Meanwhile, officials at the BRTA told Star City that they would be taking action against the buses once they received the directive from the relevant authority.

The BRTA chairman could not be contacted for his comments because of his preoccupation despite repeated attempts.

WAITING IN HOPE



Though he managed to find a shady place on the footpath by the Suhrawardy Udyan, this basket vendor probably had a rather unsuccessful day because of lack of customers.

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