

# High-rise, extension projects on without Rajuk's say No fare chart yet

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has been a long practice that in many cases buildings on the Dhaka University campus have been constructed without formal approval from the government agency.

"We involve experts from Buet (Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology) and the chief architect of Bangladesh in construction process of any building," he said.

"Rajuk has never opposed to building construction on our own," Prof Faiz said. "They have never come up with any objection either."

But replying to a question, the VC admitted that Rajuk served them a notice when they erected a pedestal on the rooftop of the DU

central library building, an architectural masterpiece done by legendary architect Muzharul Islam, for installing a transmission tower of a mobile telephone company.

Dr M Shahidul Ameen, a professor of architecture at Buet and a member of DU's technical committee on building construction and repair, said that involvement of Buet experts does not mean that Dhaka University would not have to obtain building approval from the appropriate authorities.

"We just check the architectural plan of a building," he said.

He further said, "There is no denial that building without approval is a violation of law but the enforcing agency too have to take measures to make the law

effective."

Chief Architect of Bangladesh ASM Ismail said it is not correct that DU does not have to obtain building approval if just the Department of Architecture is involved in layout planning of a building.

Prof Nazrul Islam, chairman of University Grants Commission (UGC), agreed that as per the law and rules, university authorities are required to obtain building approval from the authorities concerned.

He, however, suggested that exemption may be given for architectural and engineering design of a building only to those public organisations including Dhaka University that have full-fledged engineering wing.

"But they must strictly comply with the building construction rules and code (BNBC)," said Prof Ismail, who is also honorary chairman of the Centre for Urban Studies and member of government's Urban Development Committee.

"They must also obtain planning (land use clearance) and height related approval from Rajuk," he said.

Chief Engineer of Rajuk Md Shah Alam said that as per the building act and rules of 2007, DU must obtain building approval.

Rajuk Secretary Md Faruque Jalil said DU authorities have to obtain approval from Rajuk as per the law, but they do not comply with that obligation.

There are government agencies

and public organisations like LGED and Dhaka City Corporation that do not bother about obtaining building approval from Rajuk.

"More than 90 percent buildings in Dhaka city have deviation, said Faruque Jalil. "But one cannot deny that Rajuk too has failures in enforcing building law because of manpower constraints."

The Town Improvement Act of 1953 too has delegated Rajuk with the authority to approve and oversee any building plan within its jurisdiction, said Rajuk sources, adding that any unauthorised building should be demolished as per building law.

Responding to legal obligation of obtaining building approval, DU Treasurer Prof Syed Abul Kalam Azad old Star City earlier

that DU is much older than Rajuk. So, they do not need to obtain building approval from Rajuk.

Prof SMA Faiz said they need to expand the physical infrastructure of the university to accommodate the staggering number of around 32,000 students. So they had to hurriedly undertake different construction and development work.

He said that the original 600 acres area of DU has shrunk to 255 acres (252.70 acres) + recently obtained 2.29 acres with the Suhrawardy Udyan, Bangla Academy, Atomic Energy Commission, Attorney General's Office, National Museum, and some other establishments occupying a great chunk of DU area.

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ago. Moreover, daily deposit for rickshaw is increasing. It was between Tk 40 and 50 two years ago and now it is over Tk 80."

"It would be inhuman for rickshawpullers if the present prices of essentials are not considered while fixing a rickshaw fare chart," he said.

Bangladesh Rickshaw O Van Pullers and Owners Oikya Parishad, an umbrella organisation of the rickshawpullers' and owners' associations in the city also seem to be indifferent to the fare issue.

Fazlur Rahman, convenor of the Parishad, said they had

talked unofficially with DCC over the issue but DCC officials did not show any interest. Asked why they did not demand it officially, he said, "Actually none takes this issue seriously."

Strategic Transport Planning (STP), the latest transport programme for the city reveals that rickshaws carry about 34 percent of the daily passengers. "An uncontrolled fare of such a huge transport mode must have some bad impacts on the users and they will suffer," said a transport expert who worked for the planning.

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Ahsan Manzil--Thursdays  
New Market-Tuesdays  
Gausia Market-Tuesdays  
Mouchak Market-Sunday  
Dhanmondi Hawkers Market-Tuesday  
Dhanmondi Hawkers Market-Tuesday  
Eastern Plaza-Sunday  
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**2nd Corrigendum to the Tender Notice**  
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**Digital Archiving of Files of Plot(s)/Flat(s) of Gulshan, Banani, Baridhara Model Town with Development of Software Integration for Quick Search.**  
Invitation Ref No. RAJUK/MIS-01/2007-2008

Due to unavoidable circumstances, the following changes are made in the above tender notice:

Original Item	Changed Item
10 Tender last selling date 29/10/2007	10 Tender last selling date 14/11/2007 during office hours
11 Tender closing date & time 30/10/2007 at 12.00 PM	11 Tender closing date & time 15/11/2007 at 12.00PM
12 Tender opening date & time 30/10/2007 at 12.15 PM	12 Tender opening date & time 15/11/2007 at 12.15PM. Tenderers and their authorized representative are allowed to attend.
16 Price of tender document a) Tk 1000/- (non refundable) for SI No. 1&2	16 Price of tender document Tk 1000/- for each Group (Groups are A, B, C, D & E made as per 1st corrigendum notice on 02/10/07)

All other terms & conditions will remain unchanged. It will be considered as a part of the tender documents.

Chairman  
Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha

GD-3713

## Request for Expression of Interest (EOI)-IT Specialist

EOI No: 5/2007

Location: Microcredit Regulatory Authority (MRA), 1st Annex Building, 1st Floor, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka, Phone: 9550301/7125740

Date: 24 October 2007

The Microcredit Regulatory Authority has been allocated public fund from the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (GoB) towards the cost of Promoting Financial Services for Poverty Reduction (PROSPER) Program, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this fund to payments under the contract for IT specialist.

The services include:

- Asses IT requirement (ranges and types) of the authority,
- Select/prepare list of vendors or equipments for IT development of the authority,
- Supervise the work of the IT firm(s) according to MRA's requirement,
- Prepare IT policies (Authorisation, utilization, system audit and IT security) of the authority.
- Prepare training requirement and training policies of MRA staffs,
- Any other related activities that may be assigned from time to time.

Completion of work: 12 (twelve) months.

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the Public Procurement Regulations 2003.

Experiences in the field of microfinance will be appreciated.

Consultant will be hired for 12 months term. Interested consultants may contact during normal office hours at the address above for additional information.

Microcredit Regulatory Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all application without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Expressions of interest shall be submitted in sealed envelope, delivered to the address of the undersigned shown above by 25 November 2007, 5pm, and be clearly marked "Request for Expressions of Interest for MRA, IT specialist".

PRPD-48/07-1759  
Dt. 25.10.07  
GD-3707

Khandakar Muzharul Haque  
Executive Vice Chairman  
Microcredit Regulatory Authority (MRA)

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No-EGCB/2007 Date: 25/10/2007.

**INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION (IFP)**

**Name of the Country: Bangladesh**  
**Name of the Project: Siddhirganj Peaking Power Plant Project**  
**(Under "Construction of 2 x 150 MW Gas Turbine Peaking Power Plant")**

**Loan/Credit No.: Not available**

The Government of Bangladesh has applied for a credit from the International Development Association (IDA) towards the cost of the Siddhirganj Peaking Power Plant Project, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit to payments under the contract for an O&M contractor. The Electricity Generation Company of Bangladesh (EGCB) Ltd. intends to pre-qualify domestic and/or foreign companies for operating and maintaining the peaking power plants at Siddhirganj. The main scope of the O&M contractor will be for a period of six to eight calendar years: (i) the operation and maintenance of 2 x 120 MW and 2 x 150 MW power plants; (ii) giving training to the EGCB employees; (iii) reporting and performing all other activities related to plant operation and maintenance under the relevant Power Purchase Agreement and the Gas Supply Agreement including Long Term Services Agreement (LTSA) management; and (iv) managing spare parts/stores and consumables for the power plants and ancillary services.

Pre-qualification will be conducted through pre-qualification procedures specified in this Pre-qualification Document (PQD), and, is open to all bidders who can meet the eligibility criteria outlined in the PQD.

Interested eligible applicants may obtain further information from and inspect and buy the PQD at the EGCB office (address below). A complete set of the PQD in English may be purchased by interested applicants (a) on the submission of a written application to the address below and (b) upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Bangladesh Taka 7,000 (seven thousand) or in US\$ 100 (one hundred) from 01 November 2007. The PDF format of the PQD is available in the Website of Power Cell, Central Procurement Technical Unit (CPTU), Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB). Interested eligible applicant may download the document from the site <http://www.powercell.gov.bd> or <http://www.cptu.gov.bd> or <http://www.bpdb.gov.bd> in the procurement notice section, must notify, immediately but no later than 06 December, 2007, in writing to EGCB stating their intention to participate in the qualification process, and submit the fees along with the Statement of Qualification. The method of payment will be through demand draft or pay order or direct deposit to EGCB's bank account: A/c # 13100000427, Sonali Bank, Kauran Bazar Branch, Dhaka, Bangladesh. If any party fails to notify within the abovementioned period and to submit the fees in the form mentioned above, their Statement of Qualification will be rejected immediately after opening.

Applications for prequalification should be submitted in sealed envelopes, delivered to the address below by 14:00 hours local time (GMT + 6:00) on 18 December 2007 and be clearly marked "Application to pre-qualify for the potential bidder of engaging an O&M contractor for EGCB's Siddhirganj Peaking Power Project." No electronic submission of the Applications is acceptable.

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