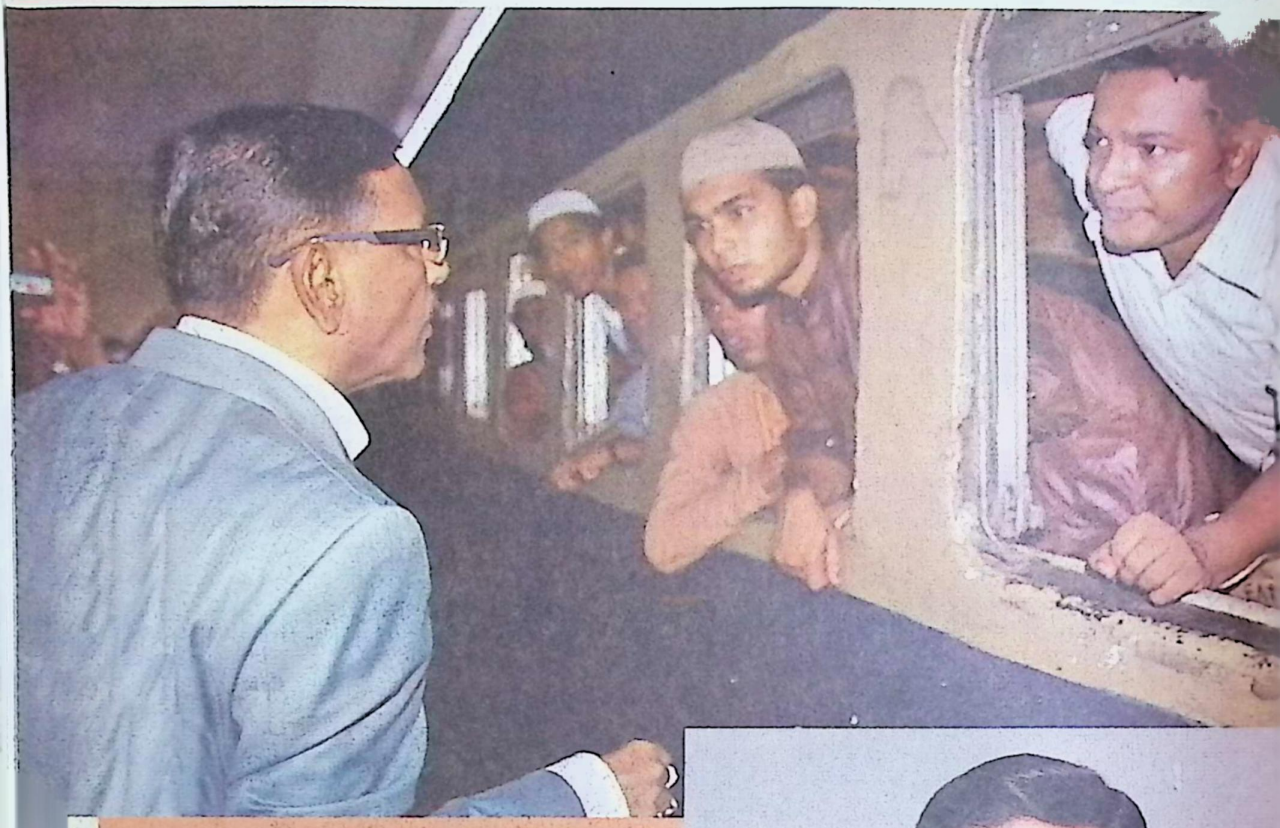


Best Minister

Obaidul Qader made headlines during his two years as communication minister for his outspoken remarks, even going against his own party to point out the mistakes in the administration. His voice was loud and clear - he spoke against corrupt government officials, against the finance minister blaming his "impractical stance" for the delay in Padma bridge construction, and against the shady members of the Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) for destroying the image of the party. He earned many fans for his much publicised surprise visits to various state enterprises, catching anomalies on the spot, much to the delight of the public.

In the two years of his tenure he became hugely popular for being able to achieve a majority of the targets that he had pledged to fulfill. A Facebook fan has written on his wall that the communications ministry is up there on the chart as a ministry that stands out for its excellent performance in the last two years. According to the communications ministry, the plethora of ambitious projects - elevated expressway, the upgrading of the Dhaka-Chittagong highway and some others - will be completed within a few months. Although major projects like the Padma Bridge are yet to get underway, the scene is changing and communication development projects are up and running all over the country.



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