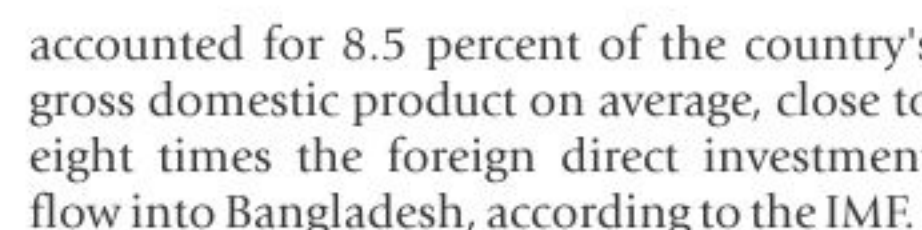


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Over the last 10 years, remittances



accounted for 8.5 percent of the country's gross domestic product on average, close to eight times the foreign direct investment flow into Bangladesh, according to the IMF.

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Operating profits mean a bank's gross profit less operating expenses before deduction of interest and taxes.

Moreover, the bank managed to recover a big portion of its classified loans in this period, he said.

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BB's January 2016 circular had called for a minimum 30 percent SME lending to manufacturing sector, 15 percent for service sector and a maximum 55 percent for trading.

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ENTERPRISE	FIXED ASSETS excluding land and buildings	EMPLOYEES	LOAN LIMIT
MICRO	Tk 10 lakh-Tk 75 lakh (Manufacturing)	16-30 or less	Tk 1cr
	Less than Tk 10 lakh (Service)	15 max	Tk 25 lakh
COTTAGE	Less than Tk 10 lakh	15 max	Tk 10 lakh
SMALL	Tk 75 lakh-Tk 15cr (Manufacturing)	31-120	Tk 20 cr
	Tk 10 lakh-Tk 2cr (Service)	16-50	Tk 5cr
MEDIUM	Tk 15 crore-Tk 50cr (Manufacturing)	121-300 (Garments 1,000 min)	Tk 75cr
	Tk 2 crore-Tk 30cr (Service)	51-120	Tk 50cr
TRADING SECTOR	Less than Tk 10 lakh (Micro Enterprise)	15 max	Tk 25 lakh
	Tk 10 lakh-Tk 2cr (Small Industry)	16-50	Tk 5cr

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Besides, investment in private sector power plants is secured as all the projects have purchasing agreements with the government.

If the projects are viable it will be a good investment opportunity for banks, he added.

At present, Bangladesh's installed electricity generation capacity is 15,379 megawatts, according to the Bangladesh Power Development Board. Actual generation averages 7,500MW per day.

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Local factory owners say proper implementation of the amended labour law would protect workers' rights and local union leaders would play a vital role in formation of trade unions at factory level and in ensuring

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"That's why the rate of interest has been increased slightly," said a finance ministry official, adding that Bangladesh was not singled out. Japan follows the same policy worldwide.

Japan has been providing more than

The six projects are: Hazrat Shahjahanpur International Airport expansion (77 billion yen); Kanchpur, Meghna and Gumti 2nd bridges construction and existing bridges rehabilitation (52 billion yen);

bridges rehabilitation (53 billion yen); Dhaka Mass Rapid Transit development (5.593 billion yen); Matarbari ultra supercritical coal-fired power plant (11 billion yen); Dhaka underground substation construction (20 billion yen); and small scale water resources development (12 billion yen).

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