

Regular tailback in Shahzadpur a nuisance for commuters

It is a temporary problem due to ongoing road work in BSCIC bus stand area, say officials

Our CORRESPONDENT, *Pabna*

Traffic congestion during the ongoing construction work causes sufferings to commuters in BSCIC bus stand area of Bogura-Nagarbari highway in Sirajganj's Shahzadpur upazila.

Md Saidul Islam, a private firm employee, boarded a Sirajganj-bound bus recently from Pabna bus stand to go to his sister's house in Sirajganj town, 130 km away.

He had planned to return the same day but could not as it took much longer than expected time to reach the destination.

Traffic jam on Bogura-Nagarbari highway is a regular scene in BSCIC bus stand area because of repair work there during the last couple of months, said locals and transport workers.

"Vehicles have to move slowly here as only a single lane is used during the ongoing construction work. Besides, muddy potholes at a little distance from the area make vehicular movement tough," Md Faruk Hossain, a bus driver of Dhaka-Pabna coach told The Daily Star.

Talking with this correspondent, Md Ashraful Islam, executive engineer of Sirajganj Roads and Highways Department (RHD), said the 500-metre portion of the highway in the BSCIC bus stand area is being reconstructed with heavy concrete of one-foot thickness.

"The RHD has started a Tk 15-crore repair work in Bogura-Nagarbari highway, of it Tk 2.5 crore is to be spent for reconstruction of the 500-metre portion," he said.

The transport workers and passengers have alleged that delay in construction work causes problem for vehicular movement on the busy highway.

Asked about the matter, Ashraful Islam said, "This is not a normal carpeting work repairing. As it is a vulnerable spot of the highway, we have taken step to reconstruct the portion with heavy concrete, which requires time."

"The work order was issued in May this year but the work began in mid-June due to the lockdown. We are trying to complete the work as soon as possible," he added.



Vehicles get stuck in a long tailback on Bogura-Nagarbari highway in Sirajganj's Shahzadpur upazila as only one side of the road can be used due to the reconstruction work near BSCIC bus stand.

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Locals build a bamboo bridge on a flood-damaged road on self-help basis at Teesta river shoal village Rudreshwar in Lalmonirhat's Kaliganj upazila. Another bamboo bridge erected by people at Milon Bazar village in the same upazila.

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Villagers voluntarily build nine bamboo bridges in Lalmonirhat

Our CORRESPONDENT, *Lalmonirhat*

At their own initiative, local people have built nine bamboo bridges on flood-damaged roads at four villages of the Teesta river shoal in Kaliganj upazila of the district.

The bamboo bridges are 100 metres to 150 metres in length. Some residents at the villages have given bamboos and money to build the bridges.

The houses of the flood-affected people living in the river's shoal areas have been submerged for over a month from June. The floodwaters have also destroyed crops and caused extensive damage to village roads.

The villagers have demanded immediate renovation of the damaged rural roads to ease their sufferings.

Locals said many big potholes have developed on the rural roads in different areas due to flood, causing immense sufferings to the char people. As a result, their clothes have got wet by waters when they have to walk through the flood-damaged village roads to go to the mainland.

The local administration is yet to repair the damaged rural roads even after a few weeks of receding of floodwaters. Finding no other alternative, local people, at their own initiative, have built the bamboo bridges on the flood-damaged roads

at Milon Bazar, Rudreshwar, Bagerhat and Ichli villages in Kakina union of Kaliganj upazila.

Safiur Rahman, a 58-year-old farmer from Milon Bazar village, said they are in dire straits as the village road was damaged by the floodwaters. As the local administration do not take any initiative to repair the damaged road, the villagers voluntarily built a bamboo bridge.

The villagers donated money for construction of the bridge.

Saifur further added that now only bicycles and rickshaws can ply the bamboo bridge. As heavy vehicles cannot ply the makeshift bridge, it is extremely difficult for them to take the agricultural products to the market.

Nazrul Islam, a 60-year-old farmer of Rudreshwar village, said the floodwaters had washed away

three parts of road in their village. The villagers have built bamboo bridges on their own initiative as local administration did not take any initiative to repair the damaged road. The local administration even did not provide them any assistance in building the bamboo bridge.

Another farmer Arman Ali, 55, from Bagerhat village in the upazila said they have built the bamboo bridge on their own initiative but the damaged roads needed to be repaired immediately for permanent solution for their communication. The villagers may fall down at any time at the time of crossing the makeshift bridge.

Jamsher Ali Munshi, 65, a farmer from Ichli village, said they had built the bamboo bridge on self-help basis and it is a temporary solution.

He has urged the authorities concerned to repair the flood-damaged roads and bridges in the area immediately, considering people's sufferings.

Kaliganj Upazila Project Implementation Officer (PIO) Ferdous Ahmed told The Daily Star that a list of village roads and other infrastructures damaged by the floods has been sent to the higher authorities for renovation.

They will start the renovation work as soon as they will get fund, said the PIO.

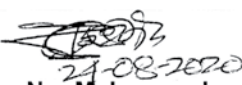
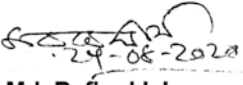


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Office of the Additional Chief Engineer, RHD

Mechanical Wing, Sarak Bhaban, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208

International Re-Tender for Procurement of Goods

01.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Road Transport and Bridges/Road Transport & Highways Division.			
02.	Agency	Roads & Highways Department.			
03.	Procuring entity name	Project Director.			
04.	Procuring entity code	Not used at present.			
05.	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.			
06.	Invitation for	Package No. GD-04.			
07.	Invitation Ref. Number	Chief Engineer, RHD, Dhaka's Memo No. 35.01.0000.001.14.003.20-219, Date: 05-03-2020.			
08.	Tender Notice No.	04/PD-PE&M(LoC-II)/(Re-Tender)/2019-2020			
09.	Date	24-08-2020			
KEY INFORMATION					
10.	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (International).			
FUNDING INFORMATION					
11.	Budget and source of funds	Line of Credit (LoC) Agreement dated: March 09, 2016 for USD 2 billion signed between the Government of Bangladesh & Export-Import Bank of India (Ref: ERD-09.00.0000.183.24.051.16-401, date: 06 November 2016).			
12.	Development partners	India.			
PARTICULAR INFORMATION					
13.	Project/program code	224086800 (Old 5344).			
14.	Project/program name	Procurement of Equipment and Machineries for Construction, Repair and Maintenance of Road Infrastructure.			
15.	Tender package number	GD-04.			
16.	Tender package name	Procurement of Water Tanker for RHD under Indian Line of Credit in completely built-up condition with 10% spare parts and related services.			
17.	Tender publication date	27-08-2020			
18.	Tender last selling date	29-09-2020 up to 4.00pm BST.			
19.	Tender submission date & time	30-09-2020 at 12.00 Noon BST.			
20.	Tender opening date & time	30-09-2020 at 3.00pm BST.			
21.	Name and address of the office(s)				
(a)	- Selling tender documents (principal)	Executive Engineer, RHD, Procurement & Storage Division, Tejgaon, Dhaka.			
(b)	- Selling tender documents (others)	1. Executive Engineer, RHD, Planning Division-1, Sarak Bhaban, Tejgaon, Dhaka. 2. Executive Engineer, RHD, Equipment Control Division, Sarak Bhaban, Tejgaon, Dhaka.			
(c)	- Receiving tender documents	1. Additional Chief Engineer, RHD, Mechanical Wing, Sarak Bhaban, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208. 2. Superintending Engineer, RHD, Equipment Control & Procurement Circle, Sarak Bhaban, Tejgaon, Dhaka. 3. Executive Engineer, RHD, Procurement & Storage Division, Tejgaon, Dhaka.			
(d)	- Opening tender document	Office of the Additional Chief Engineer, RHD, Mechanical Wing, Sarak Bhaban, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208.			
22.	Place, date & time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	Office of the Additional Chief Engineer, RHD, Mechanical Wing, Sarak Bhaban, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208 on 09-09-2020 at 11.00am BST.			
INFORMATION FOR TENDERERS					
23.	Eligibility of tenderer/manufacturer	Tenderers are limited to Manufacturers from India only. Other eligibility criteria are described in tender document.			
24.	Brief description of goods	Brief description of goods has been described in the Sl. No. 27 indicating the Column named "Identification of the Package." More description of goods & spare parts and related services are described in tender document.			
25.	Price of tender documents (Tk)	For the Package No. GD-04 price will be BD Tk 10,000.00 (ten thousand) only.			
26.	Tenderer's criteria	Tender security must be submitted by the tenderer/manufacturer. Other Tenderer's criteria are described in tender document.			
27.	Package No.	Identification of the package	Location (delivery point)	Tender security amount in foreign currency of US\$ (USD in lakh)	Completion time
	GD-04	Water Tanker	RHD, Procurement & Storage Division, Tejgaon, Dhaka	0.09	06 (six months)
28.	Name of official inviting tender	Md. Rafiqul Islam.			
29.	Designation of official inviting tender	Additional Chief Engineer, RHD, Mechanical Wing, Sarak Bhaban, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208.			
30.	Address of official inviting tender	RHD, Mechanical Wing, Sarak Bhaban, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208.			
31.	Contact details of official inviting tender	Telephone # 88-02-8878122, Fax # 88-02-8878123 E-mail address: acemw@rhd.gov.bd			
32.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders.				
N.B.: If under any unavoidable circumstances last selling, receiving or opening day of tender is disturbed, the next working day will be applicable for the same respectively.					
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