

Panchagarh now the rail capital!

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October 20 at the Rail Bhaban.

THE BIG SHIFT

Until November 2018, two intercity trains – Drutojan and Ekata Express – operated between Dhaka and Dinajpur. That month, the BR authorities extended the service up to Panchagarh, BR sources said.

The BR operates four types of passenger trains – intercity, local, mail, and commuter. Of the four, intercity trains provide the best services in terms of schedule management, seating arrangements, and the quality of the carriages.

In May 2019, just four months after the minister took charge of the rail ministry, BR launched its brand new Panchagarh Express between Dhaka and Panchagarh. This and two others – Drutojan and Ekata – these three trains on Dhaka-Panchagarh route operate seven days a week. They require no break as there is an additional rake for those trains, which is very rare in BR.

Every other intercity train has weekly day-offs. “Trains operating

between Dhaka and the home districts of previous rail ministers used to get priority, but an additional rake for trains is rare when there is a shortage of rakes,” a BR official said, wishing anonymity.

In October 2020, a new intercity train named Banglabandha Express started rolling between Rajshahi and Panchagarh.

To launch this new train, the BR took back the relatively new rake of Benapole Express. This Dhaka-Benapole train was launched by the prime minister in July 2019, BR sources said.

When people of Jashore found the rake of Benapole Express was replaced with an old one, they staged protests.

“The railways minister snatched our gift from the prime minister,” local newspaper “Samajer Kotha” quoted a demonstrator on May 22.

In June this year, another intercity train service, Dolonchapa Express, which had been operating between Dinajpur and Santahar of Bogura, was extended up to Panchagarh.

“I don’t know why all the intercity trains were being taken to Panchagarh from Dinajpur. This is nothing but depriving the people of Dinajpur,” said AK Azad, convener of Dinajpur chapter of the Sector Commanders’ Forum.

Such decisions have heightened the sufferings of passengers from Dinajpur who now get fewer tickets, he added.

Meanwhile, the country’s most important route – Dhaka-Chattoagram – got no new passenger train in the last six years.

Currently, there are eight passenger trains running daily on this route. The last intercity train, Sonar Bangla Express, was added to the route in 2016.

BR used to operate a special train on Dhaka-Khulna route during Eid times to carry holidaymakers. But it cancelled the special train before the last Eid-ul-Azha as the Padma Bridge opened before Eid.

BR officials in its west zone wanted to operate the special train on Dhaka-Parbatipur route, but it was later diverted to Dhaka-Panchagarh route.

Meanwhile, BR has moved to bring Banglabandha Land Port in Panchagarh under the railway network. A feasibility study has already been carried out for this.

Over the last one year, the project was placed before at least three development partners including the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank and the European Investment Bank for funding, considering it a priority project, BR sources said.

The BR authorities are considering implementing the project with government funds if lenders decline to commit funds, they said.

ZERO COMPLETION

The BR is currently implementing 36 rail projects. Eleven of them were taken up after Sujan took office. Not a single of these projects has been completed.

The first project under his watch was taken up in January 2019 to carry out a feasibility study and prepare a detailed design to set up tracks for connecting Sunamganj district headquarters with

the railway network. The study, involving Tk 9.88 crore, was supposed to be complete by October 2020. The deadline was later pushed to June 2023 mainly due to disputes over the alignment.

The second project was taken up in April 2019 to convert Akhaura Sylhet rail section into dual gauge from meter gauge at a cost of Tk 16,104.45 crore with Chinese loan.

Three years on, the physical work is yet to start. Officials are doubtful about its funding after its selected contractor declined to work after the project cost was revised down. The new deadline is June 2025.

All other projects are facing almost similar fate. In some cases, the physical work has yet to begin while the ministry sought time extension and cost revision in other cases.

Talking to The Daily Star, the minister attributed the delay in project implementation to Covid-19 pandemic, challenges in the field, delay in procurement of raw materials from India and changes in project designs.

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Invitation for Tender (Outsourcing of Manpower)

No: 27.02.0000.013.07.073.22.277 Date: 30 October 2022

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH	
1 Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources
2 Agency	Power Division
3 Procuring Entity Name	Sustainable and Renewable Energy Development Authority (SREDA)
5 Procuring Entity District	Dhaka
6 Invitation for	Procurement of Non-Consulting Services (Outsourcing Services)
7 Invitation Ref No	27.02.0000.013.07.073.22.277
8 Date	30.10.2022
KEY INFORMATION	
9 Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method
FUNDING INFORMATION	
10 Budget and Source of Funds	GOB
11 Development Partners (if applicable)	None
PARTICULAR INFORMATION	
12 Project / Program Code (if applicable)	N/A
13 Project Name (if applicable)	N/A
14 Tender Package No.	16(2022-23)
15 Tender Package Name	Outsourcing Service (Manpower)
Date	
16 Tender Publication Date	30.10.2022
17 Tender Last Selling Date	20.11.2022
Date	Time
18 Tender Closing Date and Time	21.11.2022 1.00 PM
19 Tender Opening Date and Time	21.11.2022 1.30 PM
20 Name & Address of the office(s)	Address
- Selling Tender Document (Principal)	Director (Administration), SREDA, Power Division, IEB Bhaban (10 th Floor), Ramna, Dhaka-1000.
NO CONDITIONS APPLY FOR SALE, PURCHASE OR DISTRIBUTION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS	
- Receiving Tender Document	Director (Administration), SREDA, Power Division, IEB Bhaban (10 th Floor), Ramna, Dhaka-1000.
- Opening Tender Document	Director (Administration), SREDA, Power Division, IEB Bhaban (10 th Floor), Ramna, Dhaka-1000.
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER	
21 Eligibility of Tenderer	As per Tender Document
22 Brief Description of Services	Outsourcing of Manpower for SREDA. Category 1: Electrician-1 (One), Category 2: Driver (Light Vehicles)-12 (Twelve) & Plumber-1 (One), Category 5: Security Guard-4 (Four), Office Assistant-5 (Five), Cleaner-3 (Three), Messenger-1 (One) & Training/Seminar Room Attendant-1 (One)
23 Price of Tender Document (Tk)	TK 1000/- (Taka One Thousand Only)
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS	
25 Name of Official Inviting Tender	Niaz Rahman
26 Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Director (Administration)
27 Address of Official Inviting Tender	SREDA, Power Division, IEB Bhaban (10 th Floor), Ramna, Dhaka-1000.
28 Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	+ 88-02-55110339
29 The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject all the Tenders or annul the Tender proceedings	

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Finch revives

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71 from Lorcan Tucker.

Australia captain Aaron Finch, the man of the match, said scoring had not been straightforward.

“It wasn’t the easiest wicket,” Finch said.

“They changed their pace really well and bowled a lot of cutters early in the innings.

“It was hard to get a rhythm and we did well to get 179.”

Earlier Finch had stormed back into form with his 44-ball knock which contained five fours and three sixes, answering critics who had called for him to be dropped after a poor run with the bat.

Finch denied he had been affected by all the chatter. “Nah, not feeling the pressure at all to be honest,” Finch said.

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e-Tender Notice-08/2022-23 (2nd Time)

e-Tenders are re-invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the Procurement of following works under Mymensingh City Corporation, Mymensingh:

Sl. No.	Tender ID & Package No.	Name of work	Tender publication date & time	Tender document last selling date & time	Tender closing and opening date & time
01	ID No. 746736 & MCC/DPP/03/PW-100	R-782: Development of Road by RCC Pavement from DB Road to Hashies house via by the side of Bucha & Menta Mia's house. Development of Road by RCC Pavement under Road ID No. R-784 & R-785. R-786: Construction of road at Over Bridge to Mintu College Rail Gate by the side of Khukun & Narayan Dotto House by RCC pavement. R-787: Development of Road by RCC Pavement at Adv. Papel house's Goli road. R-788: Construction of CC Road from Hindu Babu House to Rahat house & Rofiq house. R-789: Development of Road by RCC Pavement from Natok Ghor baylane Bazar to Akkas Mia's house. R-790 Construction of RCC Road at Trishal Bus Stop Internal road from RK Mission Road to Dilip house via Lal Mia's house. R-791: Construction of RCC Road from Boro Bari Dhaka road to DB road with drain. Construction of road by RCC Pavement under Road ID No. R-792 & R-793. R-794: Construction of CC Road from Purohit Para Road Saha Mia's house Goli Road. R-795: Development of Road by CC Pavement from Purohit Para Road to Santil Mohol houses Goli Road. R-796: Development of Road by CC Pavement at Munshi Bari Hannan Munshi Goli Road. R-798: Development of Road by RCC Pavement from Munshi Bari front of Bason house to Chidul house. R-800: Development of Road by RCC Pavement from Sheora DB Road Dulal House to Bokul house. D-804: Construction of RCC Drain at Honu & Alta Miah House to Natok Ghor Lane Real's House. D-805: Construction of RCC drain at Shiv Bari Over Bridge to Mintu College Rail gate by the side of Student League Office & Kader Alam Mia's house. D-807: Construction of RCC drain at Purbo Babilur house to Purohit Para Mithu House & Biplob house. D-808: Construction of RCC Drain at Sheorah Koyla Para Road. D-809: Construction of RCC Drain at DB Road to Proshika Office. D-812: Construction of RCC Drain at Bodor More to Sheora Munshi Bari Road.	01/11/2022 10:00am	29/11/2022 14:00pm	30/11/2022 13:00pm
03	ID No. 746735 & MCC/DPP/03/PW-50	R-1342: Development of Road by RCC Pavement starting from Digharkanda Berek Member's house to Liakot's House (Length: Part-A=190m, Part-B=70m; Total=260m) R-1343: Development of Road by RCC Pavement starting from Digharkanda East Para Abdul Khalek's house to Khaja Baba Dorbar Shorif (Length: Part-A=460, Part-B=295; Total=755m) R-1344: Development of Road by RCC Pavement starting from Digharkanda East Para Sobahan Kerani house to Alpona School (Length=40m) R-1345: Development of Road by RCC Pavement at Digharkanda Freedom Fighter Jashim Uddin Sarak (Charu Member, from Digharkanda road to Fakirakanda Ono Mondol house) (Length=1360m, 2 Nos. box culvert, 1 No. X-drain) R-1350: Development of Road by BC Pavement starting from Shikarkanda High School to Fakirakanda (Length=1600m) R-1355: Development of Road by RCC Pavement starting from Digharkanda Chairman house to Gongga Munshi house (Length: Part-A=480m, Part-B=250m; Total=730m) R-1356: Development of Road by RCC Pavement starting from Digharkanda 1 No. school to Ibrahim Saheb house (RFL office) in Ward No. 25 (Length=720m)	01/11/2022 10:00am	29/11/2022 14:00pm	30/11/2022 13:00pm

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Corrigendum e-Tender Notice No.01/2022-23

Reference No:
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Tender ID	Package No.	Tender Last Selling (Date & Time)	Tender Closing (Date & Time)	Modified Tender ID no.
740009	e-Tender-PEDP4/RAJ/GOA/2022-23/W14-01562	09/11/2022, 13:00 pm	10/11/2022, 12:30 pm	740009
740009	e-Tender-PEDP4/RAJ/GOA/2022-23/W14-01563	09/11/2022, 13:00 pm	10/11/2022, 12:30 pm	740010

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Sl. No.	Package No.	Name of works	Tender ID	Last date & time of selling documents	Last date & time of submission documents
01	EED/Rev/MAUSHI-7016/2022-23/P-01	P-01: Construction of Precast Pile (Code No. 4111201) at Kusumpura High School, Patiya, Chattogram. (2021-22)	737102	27-Nov-2022 14:00	28-Nov-2022 12:00
02	EED/Rev/MAUSHI-7016/2022-23/P-02	P-02: Construction of Precast Pile (Code No. 4111201) at Master Monsof Ali Jahanara Begum Secondary Girls School, Chandanaish, Chattogram. (2021-22)	737103	27-Nov-2022 14:00	28-Nov-2022 12:00
03	EED/Rev/MAUSHI-7016/2022-23/P-03	P-03: Construction of Precast Pile (Code No. 4111201) at Enayetpur High School, Hathazari, Chattogram. (2021-22)	737104	27-Nov-2022 14:00	28-Nov-2022 12:00
04	EED/Rev/MAUSHI-7016/2022-23/P-04	P-04: Construction of Precast Pile (Code No. 4111201) at Fatehpur Multilateral High School, Hathazari, Chattogram. (2021-22)	737105	27-Nov-2022 14:00	28-Nov-2022 12:00
05	EED/Rev/MAUSHI-7016/2022-23/P-05	P-04: Construction of Precast Pile (Code No. 4111201) at Kadurkhal United Muslim High School, Boalkhali, Chattogram. (2021-22)	737106	27-Nov-2022 14:00	28-Nov-2022 12:00

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