

INDUSTRIES AND PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE DIVISION

R & P MEETING

November 13, 2001

Summary Report

Researcher		Status of Reporting	Publication (No)	Works Completed (No)	On-going Works (No)	Seminars (No)	Others
Name	Designation						
Dr Zaid Bakht	Research Director	Reported		1	3		
Dr M A Latif	Senior Research Fellow	Reported			2		1
Dr A H Mondall	Research Fellow	Reported		1	1		2
Dr N C Nath	Research Fellow	Reported	1	1	3		
Dr Salma Chaudhuri Zohir	Research Fellow	Reported	1	1	1		2
Dr K M N Islam	Research Fellow	Reported	1	2	1	1	1
Mr Karimullah Bhuiyan	Research Fellow	Reported			1		
Dr Md. Salimullah	Research Fellow	Reported			3		1
Total			3	6	15	1	7

Issues under Research:

1. Border Trade
2. Machinery Import
3. Rural Infrastructure
4. Rural Development
5. Family Indebtedness and Micro-finance
6. Growth of Garment Industry
7. Export Processing Zones
8. International Investment Treaty
9. Tourism
10. Competitiveness and Problems of Jute Industry
11. Flood Management
12. Flood Loss
13. Poultry Feeds
14. Sick Industry
15. Gender Aspects
16. Housing Loan

Dr Zaid Bakht, Research Director

Work Completed:

1. Draft Report on Border Trade of Bangladesh (with Dr Binayak Sen) submitted to ADB.

Work in Progress:

1. Drafting of the Report on RDP-7 Impact Study.
2. Drafting of the Report on RRMIMP II Impact Study
3. Machinery Import Study: Survey Completed (with Dr Md. Salimullah)

Dr. M A Latif,, Senior Research Fellow and Division Chief

Work in Progress:

1. In-depth Socio-economic Impact Study of FRB Improvements of the Rural Development Project-7(RDP), a research project sponsored by LGED. Report writing is going on.
2. Long-term Socio-economic Impact Study of the Rural Roads and Markets Improvement and Maintenance Project-2 (RRMIMP), a research project sponsored by LGED. Data processing is finished.

Other Activities:

Division Chief

Dr. Abdul Hye Mondal, Research Fellow

Work Completed

1. "Baseline study of indebted families for the prevention of Family Indebtedness through Micro-finance and related services in Bangladesh"(Co-author). Final Report prepared for ILO.

Work in Progress:

1. A Study of the Impact of Export Processing Zones in Bangladesh: Static and Dynamic Aspects (Draft submitted).

Other Activities:

1. Chairman, Finance Committee, BIDS.
2. Member, National Committee for the Determination of Electricity Consumers.

Dr. Narayan Chandra Nath, Research Fellow

Publication

1. "External Competitiveness of Readymade Garments of Bangladesh: Analysis of Status and Strategies" in the book titled *Growth of Garments Industry in Bangladesh: Economic and Social Dimensions*, July 2001, BIDS and OXFAM- GB, edited by Pratima Paul Majumder and Binayak Sen.

Work-in Progress

1. Tourism Industry in Bangladesh: Problems and Prospects (Report to be completed soon)
2. Status of Competitiveness and Problems of Jute Industry of Bangladesh (Writing a Paper on the basis of Secondary data)
3. Future International Investment Treaty: Looking for a Desirable Stand of LDCs like Bangladesh (Writing a Bengali Article for BIDS Samikhya)

Dr. Salma Chaudhuri Zohir, Research Fellow

Publication

1. "Social Dimension of the Growth of Garment Industry in Bangladesh: 1990-97" in Proceeding of a National Seminar on Ready-made Garment Industry July 2001.

Work Completed

1. "Baseline study of indebted families for the prevention of Family Indebtedness through Micro-finance and related services in Bangladesh"(Co-author). Final Report prepared for ILO.

Work in Progress

1. Gender Budget: Industry and Energy

Other Activities

1. Member, Library Committee
2. Member, Biennial Report Committee, BIDS.

Dr. K M Nabiul Islam, Research Fellow

Publication

1. *Flood Loss Potentials and Construction of Standard Loss Data Sets- A Case Study of Residential Sector of Bangladesh*. BIDS Research Report 169, August 2001

Works competed

1. Submitted for a Research Report, "Flood Loss Potentials and Construction of Standard Loss Data Sets - A Case Study of Commercial Sectors of Bangladesh".

2. Submitted for a Research Report, “Demand for Poultry Feeds: Implications for Wheat and Maize Production in Bangladesh.

Ongoing works

1. An Appraisal of Three Medium-sized Local NGOs, sponsored by RNE and SDC (Jointly with other members)

Seminar/Workshop Attended

1. Worked as a Member of the Scientific Committee and presented a Paper to the International Conference on **Information Technologies in Flood Management**, held in Beijing, organized by the Institute of Automation, Chinese Academy of Sciences.

Other Activities

Convenor, R & P

Mr. Md Karimullah Bhuiyan, Research Fellow

Work in Progress:

1. Working on the report of Sick Industry to put it into publication form in collaboration with Jahirul Islam (at present doing his Ph D in UK).

Dr. Md. Salimullah, Research Fellow

Work in Progress:

1. MCP-GEP Data analysis is going on (with Dr Mahmudul Alam).
2. Machinery Import Study: Survey Completed (with Dr Zaid Bakht).
3. Impact Evaluation of JBIC Loan for House Building of Grameen Bank Loanees (with other members)

Other Activities:

1. Chairman Purchase Committee.