

INDUSTRIES AND PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE DIVISION
R & P MEETING
April 27.2002

A. Summary Reporting of Individual Member.

Researcher		Status of Reporting	Publication	Works completed	On going Works	Seminars/workshops	Others
Name	Designation						
Dr Zaid Bakht	Research Director	Reported	1		4		
Dr M A Latif	Senior Research Fellow	Reported			3		1
Dr Abdul Hye Mondal	Research Fellow	Reported			1	3	4
Dr. Narayan Chandra Nath	Research Fellow	Reported	1	1	3	2	
Dr Salma Chaudhuri Zohir	Research Fellow	Reported	1		1		2
Dr K M Nabiul Islam	Research Fellow	Reported			1	1	2
Mr. Md Karimullah Bhuiyan	Research Fellow	Not Reported	-	-	-	-	-
Dr Md. Salimullah	Research Fellow	Reported	1			1	3

B. Issues under Research

1. Border Trade
2. Machinery Import
3. Rural Infrastructure
4. Rural Development
5. Rural Energy
6. Family Indebtedness and Micro-finance
7. Growth of Garments Industry
8. International Trade

Dr Zaid Bakht,
Research Director

Publication

Machinery Industry in Bangladesh (with Mr. Mohammad Yunus and Dr Md. Salimullah), IDEAS Machinery Industry Study Report No. 4. March 2002 Published by Institute of Developing Economies Advanced School (IDEAS) , Japan External Trade Organization , Chiba Japan.

Work in Progress:

1. Drafting of the Report on RDP-7 Impact Study.
2. Drafting of the Report on RRMIMP II Impact Study
3. Revising of the Draft Report on Border Trade of Bangladesh (with Dr Binayak Sen) submitted to ADB.
4. Initiation of TRACE project as Core Team Member.

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.
3. Working on Rural Energy Study in Bangladesh, Sponsored by World Bank.

Other Activities:

Division Chief

Abdul Hye Mondal,
Research Fellow

Work in Progress:

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

Participation in Seminars

1. Participated as a discussant in the National Workshop of ILO-ADB RETA Project on Strengthening the Role of International Labour Standards in Selected DMCs held during 04 – 05 March 2002 in Dhaka.
2. Presented a short paper and delivered a session on “The Concept of Globalization and Its Trend in Bangladesh” organized by Karmajibi Nari on 29 March 2002.
3. Presented a paper on “The Role of the Export Processing Zones in the Industrialization Process of Bangladesh: Lessons for the Future” in the seminar on Performance of the Bangladesh Economy: Selected Issues held in BIDS on 02 April 2002.

Other Involvements

1. Chairman, Finance Committee, BIDS
2. Member, National Committee on Electricity, Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources.
3. Worked as a Presiding Officer in the City Corporation Election held on 25 April 2002
4. Prepared and submitted a research proposal on the “Review of the Fertilizer Sector.

Dr. Narayan Chandra Nath Research Fellow

Publication

"International Investment Treaty: Interests and Desirable stand of a Least Developed country like Bangladesh ", Published in the Unnayan Samikhya, No 19, 2002.

Work Completed

International Investment Treaty and Interests of Least Developed countries

Work-in progress

1. Present Status of Jute Sector of Bangladesh
2. Status and Problems of Tourism Sector of Bangladesh
3. Ready-made Garments of Bangladesh: Analysis of Shocks of MFA Phase-out and Strategic Options

Seminar/Workshop

" WTO and Investment: Looking for a Desirable Stand for LDCs with Special Reference to Bangladesh", Paper presented at the Special Conference 2002 "Globalisation and Bangladesh

Economy" organised by BEA, the revised version of the paper submitted for refereeing and publication in the Journal Political Economy.

Seminar/Workshop

"General Algebraic Modeling System" from 13 March -5 April, 2002

Dr Salma Chaudhuri Zohir,
Research Fellow

Publication

Social Impact of the Growth of Garment Industry in Bangladesh: 1990-97, BDS Vol. 27, No. 4, December 2001.

Work in Progress

Globalisation, Gender and poverty: A Value Chain Perspective in the Garment Industry in Bangladesh as Core Team Member.

Other Activities

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

Dr K M Nabiul Islam
Research Fellow

Work completed

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

Ongoing Work

Agenda 21 – Bangladesh Country Report on Globalisation and Trade, SEMP, sponsored by UNDP

Seminar/Workshop

Attended a Workshop on Poverty Measurement and Poverty analysis, sponsored by World Bank at PIDE in Islamabad, March 18-23 2002.

Other Activities

1. Chairperson, AAC

2. Convenor, R & P

**Mr. Md Karimullah Bhuiyan,
Research Fellow**

- Not Reported

**Dr. Md. Salimullah,
Research Fellow**

Publication

Machinery Industry in Bangladesh (with Dr Zaid Bakht and Mr. Mohammad Yunus), IDEAS Machinery Industry Study Report No. 4. March 2002. Published by Institute of Developing Economies Advanced School (IDEAS) , Japan External Trade Organization , Chiba Japan.

Seminar/Workshop

Attended workshop on the "Computable General Equilibrium Modelling" Sponsored by World Bank and SANDEE at AIT in Bangkok, 22 February -7 March, 2002

Other Activities:

1. Member Secretary, PCC
2. Chairman, Purchase Committee
3. Worked as a Presiding Officer in the Dhaka City Corporation Election held on 25 April 2002