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GOVEKNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS NOTIFICATION

Dated : ২১শে সেন্টেম্বর, ১৯৯৩/৬ই আম্বিন, ১৪০০

No. S. R. O. System / Se — In exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1956 (VI of 1956), the Government is pleased to appoint a one-member Commission of inquiry with Mr. Justice Dalil Uddin Ahmed, a retired Judge of the Supreme Court, for the purpose of making inquiry into the affairs of the Co-peration project for the Rehabilitation of the Dinajpur-Panchaghar Road.

- 2. The Commission shall have, while performing its functions, the powers of a Civil Court in respect of the matters enumerated in section 4 of the said Act and the additional powers to require any person, subject to any privilege which may be claimed by that person under any law for the time being in force, to furnish information on such points or matters as, in the opinion of the Commission, may be useful for, or relevant to, the subject-matter of the inquiry.
- 3. Any proceeding before the Comission shall be deemed to be a judicial proceeding within the meaning of the section 193 and 228 of the Penal Cods.

4. The terms of reference of the Commission shall be as follows :-

- (a) To ascertain the following, namely:-
 - (i) the type and extent of the damages to the Dinajpur-Panchagar Road during the floods of summer, 1988, and how long the road was closed to traffic because of the said natural disaster;
 - (ii) nature and intensity of the traffic on the said Road before the 1988 natural disaster and that of today;
 - (iii) what were at that time the main roads of vital importance and which of them under-went serious damages due to floods;
 - (iv) what was the original contract and specification of the project: when and under what circumstances did the first contracts with representatives or members of "Bonatti" and "Sauti" Companies occur and what activities or works did the above mentioned companies accomplish previously in Bangladesh.
 - (v) on what date was the re-structuring project of the Dinajpur-Panchagar Road arranged in the economic and development scheme of Bangladesh;
 - (vi) what were the technical standards for the re-structuring of the road accepted by the Ministry and if Sauti's standards were in accordance with the ones adopted in Bangladesh; with special reference to the road surface and whether the Government of Bangladesh did issue any different provision regarding the accomplishment of the covering surface from 1988 to 1992 and if so, what were the reasons for such a dicision;
 - (vii) what prompted the External Resources Division (ERD) to give priority to the re-structuring work of the Dinajpur-Panchagar Road rather than to other projects submitted to the Italian Government:
 - (viii) whether there was high priority of intervention on the Dinajur-Panchagar Road and if so, whether such interventions and temporary or final works were carried out in order to restructure the road in question, before the beginning of the construction works sponsored by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and who are the persons for making official requests and reminders of intervention;
 - (ix) what companies or any agents carried out the construction work in pursuance of the interventions, if any, and what were the time limits;

- (b) to inspect the Dinajpur-Panchagar Road with special attention to the stretch where construction work is already in progress, in order to collect information regarding the characteristics of the place and traffic as well as the extent, quality and the state of the work already carried out by "Banatti".
- The Commission shall submit its report to the Government in the Ministry
 of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs within one month from the date of
 issue of this notification.

By order of the President,

Mirza Asaduzzaman Al-Farruq

Secretary.