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## Construction of Rupsa bridge approved

# ECNEC okays 3 projects for uplift of primary, college education

The Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) in a meeting on Wednesday approved three projects aimed at development of primary and college education in the country at a cost of Taka 194 crore, reports BSS.

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman presided over the meeting.

Of the three projects, the 98 crore "selected non-government college development" project is aimed at development of human resources through the expansion of the scopes of higher education in 310 selected non-

government college of the country. The project is expected to be completed by the year 1997.

The Taka 61 crore government College Development Project aimed at creating science education facilities in 80 government degree colleges.

The IDB aided government Primary School Rehabilitation Project aimed at rehabilitation of 540 selected government primary school at 111 thanas of 27 districts at a cost of Taka 35 crore. IDB will provide Taka 28 crore for the project.

The ECNEC, in principle, approved the construction of Rupsa Bridge over the River Rupsa on priority basis. The meeting decided to undertake technical and financial feasibility studies immediately.

The meeting also approved the "Bangladesh Integrated Nutrition" project at a cost of Taka 261 crore. The project aimed at taking prompt and proper actions in resolving malnutrition problem of the people of Bangladesh with particular reference to child and maternal nutrition. The World Bank will provide Taka 234 crore for the project.

The ECNEC meeting also gave a go ahead signal to the massive Brahmaputra River Bank Protection project at a cost of Taka 540 crore. The World Bank will provide 424 crore for the project scheduled to be completed by the year 1997-98. The project

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aimed at strengthening and repair of 150 km long embankment constructed along the right bank of the River Brahmaputra.

It also approved the 250 bed Gazipur Modern Hospital construction project at a cost of Taka 18 crore. The project is expected to be completed by the year 1996-97.

The meeting also approved the thana health complex and district hospital repair and rehabilitation project Phase-II at a cost of Taka 85 crore with a foreign exchange component of Taka 16 crore. The EEC aided project, scheduled to be completed by June next year, is aimed at rehabilitation of 75 thana health complexes and 20 district hospitals.

The ECNEC meeting approved the statistical Bhaban Construction Project in Dhaka at a cost of Taka 27 crore. It also approved another 10-storeyed Jalalabad Gas Transmission and Distribution Limited's head office complex at Sylhet at a cost of Taka 14 crore. The building projects are expected to be completed by 1997.

Agriculture Minister Major General (retd) Majidul Haq, Education Minister Barrister Jamiruddin Sircar, Commerce and Information Minister M Shamsul Islam, Health Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf, Religious Affairs Minister M Keramat Ali, Industries Minister AM Zahiruddin Khan, State Minister for Planning Dr A Moyeen Khan, concerned secretaries and members of the Planning Commission attended the meeting.