

Grant No. 19**23 - Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs Division****Medium Term Expenditure**

(Taka in Thousands)

Description	Budget 2016-17	Projection	
		2017-18	2018-19
Non-Development	20,57,00	21,81,00	23,11,00
Development	2,73,00	2,90,00	3,10,00
Total	23,30,00	24,71,00	26,21,00
Revenue	22,91,40	21,37,70	22,64,00
Capital	38,60	3,33,30	3,57,00
Total	23,30,00	24,71,00	26,21,00

1.0 Mission Statement and Major Functions**1.1 Mission Statement**

Establish good governance through strengthening and modernizing the legal framework and ensuring people's access to legal system and human rights.

1.2 Major Functions

- 1.2.1 Providing advice to all Ministries, Divisions and Offices on all legal and constitutional matters arising out of any legislative proposal, and on the interpretation of any law, including international law related to such proposal;
- 1.2.2 Drafting, scrutinizing and providing opinions on all kinds of bills, ordinances, constitutional orders, statutory orders, rules, regulations, by-laws, resolutions, notifications, any convention having the force of law, international treaties/agreements/MoU and any other legal instruments;
- 1.2.3 Providing opinion and recommendation on matters relating to international treaties, conventions and international legal affairs and matters relating to international arbitration arising out of international treaties, conventions etc.;
- 1.2.4 Translation of laws and other statutory rules and orders;
- 1.2.5 Copyrights of publication of law by the government and performing administrative responsibility related to copyright of laws
- 1.2.6 Publication of Acts, Ordinances and Constitutional Orders and other statutory orders, rules, regulations and other legal instruments; and codification, consolidation and adaptation of laws and technical corrections and publication of translated readable text;
- 1.2.7 Providing support to all matters relating to human rights and the Human Rights Commission and assistance to all issues regarding formulation of related laws for Office of the Ombudsman, Law Commission and Election Commission;
- 1.2.8 Coordination of all matters relating to legal reforms.

2.0 Medium Term Strategic Objectives and Activities

Medium-Term Strategic Objectives	Activities	Implementing Departments/Agencies
1	2	3
1. Improving legal framework for executive organ of the Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updating Bangladesh code and its publication Compilation, updating of all rules and regulations and initiatives for its publication Updating the associated regulation rules of other laws as referential whenever any law is repealed or amended 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secretariat
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommending amendments or, as the case may be, enactment of new laws after examining the relevant provisions of the laws that act as obstacles to speedy disposals of cases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Law Commission
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Translation of laws enacted in English and Bangla into Bangla and English respectively on a priority basis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secretariat
2. Providing effective legal advice to Ministry/ Division/Other Institutions of the Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drafting, scrutinizing and providing opinions on all kinds of Bills, Ordinances, Constitutional Orders, statutory orders, rules, regulations, international treaties, agreements, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secretariat
3. Facilitating protection and development of human rights in the country	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Giving advice or assistance to the Government to repeal laws contrary to fundamental rights and also rendering advice and assistance to frame necessary laws and administrative instructions for implementation of fundamental human rights Conducting research on international conventions and other legal instruments relating to human rights Taking steps to educate people on human rights and publication and publicity for enhancing public awareness of human rights protection Investigation and disposal of the complaints. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Human Rights Commission

3.0 Poverty and Gender Reporting

3.1 Impact of Strategic Objectives on Poverty Reduction and Women's Advancement

3.1.1 Improving legal framework for executive organ of the Government

Impact on Poverty Reduction: Establishment of rule of law would be easier if access to the law by all could be ensured, which would help reduce poverty.

Impact on Women's Advancement: Women would be benefitted if the rule of law is established.

3.1.2 Providing effective legal advice to Ministry/Division/Other Institutions of the Government

Impact on Poverty Reduction: Poverty reduction would be easier if legal advice for establishment of justice is accessible to the poor.

Impact on Women's Advancement: Legal advice might not play direct role in women's advancement, but impact of legal assistance would help ensuring and protecting women's advancement.

3.1.3 Facilitating protection and development of human Rights in the country

Impact on Poverty Reduction: Good governance would be established if the human rights of the citizen are protected which would play an important role in poverty reduction.

Impact on Women's Advancement: Protection and development of human rights would uphold the rights of women which would have an impact on women's advancement.

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Particulars	Budget 2016-17	Projection	
		2017-18	2018-19
Poverty Reduction	5,53,92	4,57,78	4,94,43
Gender	4,41,20	3,82,41	4,13,96

4.1 Priority Spending Areas/Programmes

Priority Spending Areas/Programmes	Related Strategic Objectives
<p>1. To provide opinions on proposal for enactment/amendment of any new or old law or legal instruments</p> <p>Government, when required, takes initiative to enact/amend law or legal instruments. It is mandatory that opinions be sought from the Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs Division on whether a provision of law has any conflict with any other law, and to maintain a reasonable quality/standard of vetting. As a result, this activity has been considered as the highest priority.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effective legal advice to Ministry/Division/Other Institutions of the Government
<p>2. Enhancing Capacity of the Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs Division</p> <p>Capacity building of this newly- established Division is very important to establish good governance and to expedite necessary legal reforms. For this, training of officers, increasing manpower, procurement of equipment and establishment of a modern and digital library has been identified as the 2nd top- priority sector.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved legal framework for executive organ of the Government
<p>3. To update and publish the Bangladesh Code, and to compile and publish rules and regulations</p> <p>The Bangladesh Code in 38 volumes containing laws enacted up to 2006 has been published. Meanwhile, amendments to many coded laws have been made. In addition, more than 100 new laws have been enacted. In light of these, updating and publishing the Bangladesh Code has been given priority. In addition, compilation and publication of rules and regulations etc. have also been given priority.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved legal framework for executive organ of the Government
<p>4. Translation of laws</p> <p>Initiatives have been taken to translation of all the laws, that are written in English into Bangla and the laws, written in Bangla into English, especially in the interest of trade and commerce and attracting foreign investment. As a result this has been considered as a priority expenditure.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved legal framework for executive organ of the Government

4.2 Medium Term Expenditure Estimates and Projection (2016-17 to 2018-19)

4.2.1 Expenditure by Department/Agencies/Operational Units

(Taka in Thousands)

Description	Budget	Revised	Budget 2016-17	Projection	
	2015-16			2017-18	2018-19
Secretariat	21,04,00	22,60,27	18,22,00	19,46,62	20,95,55
International Organisations	28,00	28,00	28,00	33,00	36,00
National Human Rights Commission	0	0	4,80,00	4,91,38	4,89,45
Grand Total :	21,32,00	22,88,27	23,30,00	24,71,00	26,21,00

4.2.2 Expenditure by Economic Group Wise

(Taka in Thousands)

Economic Group	Description	Budget	Revised	Budget 2016-17	Projection	
		2015-16			2017-18	2018-19
	Revenue Expenditure					
4500	Pay of Officers	3,38,00	5,86,60	4,74,00	4,97,00	5,48,00
4600	Pay of Establishment	1,09,50	1,71,43	1,48,00	1,60,00	1,82,00
4700	Allowances	4,05,27	4,11,41	5,49,67	5,90,90	6,26,80
4800	Supplies and Services	6,58,19	7,15,30	5,07,71	3,14,30	3,27,60
4900	Repairs and Maintenance	26,50	27,50	76,00	31,00	34,00
5900	Grants in Aid	0	0	4,80,00	4,91,38	4,89,45
6100	Contributions to International Organisation	28,00	28,00	28,00	33,00	36,00
6300	Pensions and Gratuities	1,91,89	2,60,18	28,02	20,12	20,15
	Total : - Revenue Expenditure	17,57,35	22,00,42	22,91,40	21,37,70	22,64,00
	Capital Expenditure					
6800	Acquisition of Assets	33,25	66,25	28,00	33,50	36,50
7000	Construction and Works	3,21,00	0	5,00	2,90,00	3,10,00
7400	Advances to Government Employees	5,40	6,60	5,60	9,80	10,50
7900	Development Import Duty and VAT	15,00	15,00	0	0	0
	Total : - Capital Expenditure	3,74,65	87,85	38,60	3,33,30	3,57,00
	Grand Total :	21,32,00	22,88,27	23,30,00	24,71,00	26,21,00

5.0 Key Performance Indicator (KPIs)

Indicator	Related Strategic Objectives	Unit	Revised Target	Actual	Target	Revised Target	Medium Term Targets		
			2014-15		2015-16		2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1. Request for opinions on laws, ordinance and rules/regulations are met									
opinions on laws	2	%	87	87	88	89	92	93	94
opinions on ordinances			88	88	90	93	94	94	95
opinions on rules/regulations			89	89	90	91	92	93	94
2. Recommendation for formulation of new law	2	%	88	88	90	92	95	95	96
3. Publication of law into Bangla & English	2	%	90	90	91	92	95	95	96
4. Remedy and training against violation of human right	3	Number	88	88	89	90	92	96	97
5. Assistance for remedy	3	%	92	92	93	94	97	97	98

6.0 Recent Achievements, Activities, Output Indicators and Targets and Expenditure Estimates of the Departments/Agencies

6.1 Secretariat

6.1.1 Recent Achievements: Over the last three years around 2,300 vetting have been completed. All laws have been updated and put on the website (www.legislative.gov.bd) of this Division so as to materialize the Perspective of Digital Bangladesh (Vision-2021). As a result, people now have easy access to laws and are aware of the latest status of the law. In order to bring back the great spirit of liberation war, the Constitution has been printed in accordance with the directives given in 5th amendment by the hon'ble Supreme Court.

6.1.2 Activities, Output Indicators and Targets

Activities	Output Indicator	Related Strategic Objectives	Unit	Revised Target	Actual	Target	Revised Target	Medium Term Targets		
				2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1. Updating Bangladesh Code and its publication	Laws enacted	1	Number	95	95	98	99	99	100	100
2. Compilation , updating of all rules and regulations and initiatives for its publication	Rules and regulations prepared	1		570	570	580	585	585	590	595
3. Updating the associated regulation rules of other laws as referential whenever any law is repealed or amended	Laws suitable for the State	1		700	700	710	715	720	730	740
4. Translation of laws enacted in English and Bangla into Bangla and English respectively on a priority basis	Laws translated for national and international areas	1		95	95	96	97	98	99	100
5. Drafting, scrutinising and providing opinions on all kinds of Bills, Ordinances, Constitutional Orders, statutory orders, rules, regulations, international treaties, agreements etc.	Completion of work for government maintaining quality and standard	2		95	95	97	98	98	99	100

6.1.3 Medium Term Expenditure Estimates by Operational Unit, Programmes and Projects

(Taka in Thousands)

Name of the Operational Unit/Programme/ Project	Related Activity	Actual 2014-15	Budget	Revised	Medium Term Expenditure Estimates		
			2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Operational Units							
2301-0001 - Secretariat	1-5	6,11,79	8,56,79	11,61,71	11,46,52	12,45,52	13,77,85
2301-0003 - National Human Rights Commission	2	2,48,77	3,82,21	4,30,96	0	0	0
2306-4162 - International Criminal Court	2	0	28,00	28,00	28,00	33,00	36,00
Total : Operational Units		8,60,56	12,67,00	16,20,67	11,74,52	12,78,52	14,13,85
Total : Non Development		8,60,56	12,67,00	16,20,67	11,74,52	12,78,52	14,13,85
Approved Projects							
2301-5012 - Policy advocacy and legislative reform for Children (01/01/13 – 30/06/16) Approved	1-5	10,19	3,24,00	3,24,00	2,68,00	0	0
2301-5020 - Unapproved Block Allocation	2,3,5	0	3,21,00	0	5,00	2,90,00	3,10,00
Total : Approved Projects		10,19	6,45,00	3,24,00	2,73,00	2,90,00	3,10,00
Total : Development		10,19	6,45,00	3,24,00	2,73,00	2,90,00	3,10,00
Total :		8,70,75	19,12,00	19,44,67	14,47,52	15,68,52	17,23,85

6.2 Law Commission

6.2.1 Recent Achievements: The Law Commission has sent 125 reports, opinions, and recommendations to the administrative ministries so far. Out of 125 reports ministries concerned have already taken actions on 30. The Commission has been conducting research on formulating/updating laws of different institutions

under the 7th biannual work plan of 2014-15. They include among others: *Boishomya Bilop Ayin* (Elimination of Discrimination Act)(proposed), *Artho Rin Adalot Ayin* (Money loan Court Act), 2003, *balya bibaho nirodh ayin* (Prevention of Child Marriage Act), 1929, *Company ayin* (Company Act), 1994, *Nagorikotwa Ayin* (Citizenship Act), 2004, the Territorial Waters and Maritime Zones Act, 1974 (Amendment), the Evidence Act, 1972, Specific Relief Act, 1877 and Right to Food act etc.

6.2.2 Activities, Output Indicators and Targets

Activities	Output Indicator	Related Strategic Objectives	Unit	Revised Target	Actual	Target	Revised Target	Medium Term Targets		
				2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1. Recommending amendments or, as the case may be, enactment of new laws after examining the relevant provisions of the laws that act as obstacles to speedy disposals of cases	Existing laws updated	1	Number	110	110	113	115	115	120	125

6.2.3 Medium Term Expenditure Estimates by Operational Unit, Programmes and Projects

(Taka in Thousands)

Name of the Operational Unit/Programme/Project	Related Activity	Actual 2014-15	Budget	Revised	Medium Term Expenditure Estimates		
			2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Operational Units							
2301-0002 - Law Commission	1	2,39,26	2,20,00	3,43,60	4,02,48	4,11,10	4,07,70
Total : Operational Units		2,39,26	2,20,00	3,43,60	4,02,48	4,11,10	4,07,70
Total : Non Development		2,39,26	2,20,00	3,43,60	4,02,48	4,11,10	4,07,70
Total :		2,39,26	2,20,00	3,43,60	4,02,48	4,11,10	4,07,70

6.3 National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)

6.3.1 Recent Achievements: The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has finalized a Five Year Strategy Paper in consultation with experts. The Chairman, Members and Officers of the Commission inspected different prisons, hospitals, educational institutions, child care homes and made recommendations to the government to eliminate existing irregularities of these institutions. The commission has sent letters to the concerned authorities to take necessary measures on various issues relating to human rights. A book titled "*Bangabandhur Manobadhikar Dorshon*" (The Philosophy of Bangabandhu on human rights) has recently been launched in the senate hall, Dhaka University. In addition, 4 study reports have been prepared and 8 workshops have been conducted by the Commission. A total of 148 complaints have been disposed of out of 543 in the year 2014- 15.

6.3.2 Activities, Output Indicators and Targets

Activities	Output Indicator	Related Strategic Objectives	Unit	Revised Target	Actual	Target	Revised Target	Medium Term Targets		
				2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1. Giving advice or assistance to the Government to repeal laws contrary to fundamental rights and also rendering advice and assistance to frame necessary laws and administrative instructions for implementation of fundamental human rights	Improvement in remedial cases	3	Number	370	370	367	370	370	380	390
2. Conducting research on international conventions and other legal instruments relating to human rights	Observance of international treaty and formulation of law	3	Number	97	97	100	100	105	110	120
3. Investigation and disposal of the complaints	Disposal of complaint	3	%	80	80	80	85	85	90	95

Activities	Output Indicator	Related Strategic Objectives	Unit	Revised Target	Actual	Target	Revised Target	Medium Term Targets		
				2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
4. Taking steps to educate people on human rights and publication and publicity for enhancing public awareness of human rights protection	Publicity and publication about human rights	3	Number	35	35	35	38	40	45	50

6.3.3 Medium Term Expenditure Estimates by Operational Unit, Programmes and Projects

(Taka in Thousands)

Name of the Operational Unit/Programme/Project	Related Activity	Actual 2014-15	Budget	Revised	Medium Term Expenditure Estimates		
			2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Operational Units							
2305-2511 - National Human Rights Commission	1-4	0	0	0	4,80,00	4,91,38	4,89,45
Total : Operational Units		0	0	0	4,80,00	4,91,38	4,89,45
Total : Non Development		0	0	0	4,80,00	4,91,38	4,89,45
Total :		0	0	0	4,80,00	4,91,38	4,89,45