

JS told PM extended due protocol in Calcutta

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina had received due honour and protocol as the Prime Minister of Bangladesh during her recent visit to Calcutta, Parliament was told on Sunday, reports UNB.

Replying to a supplementary question from Mashiur Rahman (BNP) during the question hour, Minister in-charge of the Cabinet Division ASHK Sadeq said the Prime Minister was extended due protocol and the honour in Calcutta last month.

Hasina went to Calcutta on January 27 on a three-day visit when she attended as chief guest of honour the prestigious Calcutta Book Fair. There she was awarded the Honourary D. Lit. "Deshikottoma" from the Bishwa Bharati University.

Responding to Haji Mohammad Selim (AL), Sadeq said the state protocols prepared on the basis of the Vienna Convention of diplomatic rules, 1961, was in operation.

He said the present government has reduced the list of protocols limiting the number of dignitaries to present at the airport to see-off or receive the Prime Minister.

But, as per the protocol of 1992, all the ministers, state ministers, deputy ministers and senior officials were supposed to be present at the airport.

In reply to a proposal of Haji Selim, Sadeq said he would take with the Prime Minister his suggestion of including the MPs of the capital city in the protocol list.