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TK 20 cr. Islamic centre planned

From Our Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Jan. 17:—The Jamiatul Falah of Chittagong will set up the biggest Islamic centre of the country at a total cost of Taka 20 crores.

This was disclosed by Mr. Rafiqullah Chowdhury, M.P. and Secretary of Board of Governors of Jamiatul Falah at a Press conference called at Jamiatul Falah office yesterday to mark the commencing of construction works of the Islamic centre.

Mr. Rafiqullah Chowdhury disclosed that this centre spread over 12 acres of land at Dampara of Chittagong city would consist of mosque, Islamic Research Institute library, publication centre, Islamic school, auditorium for seminars, shopping arcade and dormitory for visiting dignitaries and scholars.

Mr. Chowdhury said that the four-storeyed mosque of this centre would accommodate simultaneously 13 thousand Muslims for prayers within its covered floor.

The Secretary of the Jamiatul Falah Board of Governors said that the construction works of this centre have been divided into two phases. The Chittagong Development Authority would supervise the con-

struction works of this centre he added.

Mr. Rafiqullah Chowdhury further said that the first phase of work is the construction of mosque at a total cost of Taka 6 crore. The second phase he said, includes the construction of other departments of the centre at Taka 14 crores.

Mr. Chowdhury revealed that the Jamiatul Falah has so far received donation of Taka 30 lakh including Taka 10 lakh from President Ziaur Rahman. He said that the Jamiatul Falah also got clear commitment of more Taka 30 lakh donation from different donors.

The Secretary said that the 13 member Board of Governors of Jamiatul Falah is headed by the Deputy Prime Minister Mr. Jamaluddin Ahmed as Chairman.