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Mass participation in canal digging urged

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CHAPAINAWABGANJ, Jan. 24: Several thousand people from all walks of life under Chapainawabganj subdivision recently participated in the canal digging programme of 5-mile long Mohipur Lehuia Beel Gahua Project. Dr Fasihuddin Mahatah, Minister for Planning visited the project which will be completed in 15 days.

Addressing the people, Mr Fasihuddin said President Zia had aroused the whole nation to participate in mass participation projects to bring about an economic revolution in the country. Nobody would lose anything in the revolution but benefit enormously, he added.

In the evening, the Minister addressing a cross section of people, Government officials and BNP workers said that President Zia was giving the correct leadership to the nation and urged them to unite under his leadership to make his economic programme a success.

The Minister advised the officials to work hard and discharge duty sincerely in national interest.

He also addressed the VDF members at local new jailkhana and visited Mohipur High School

on his way back from the project.

He said the project will benefit about two lakh people with an additional yield of one lakh maunds of foodgrains annually. Besides, the project would solve the waterlogging problem of about 20,000 acres of land and bring more agricultural land under irrigation facilities during the dry season.

CHANDPUR

BSS from Chandpur adds: The re-excavation work of ten-mile long Boaljuri Canal under Chandpur subdivision is going on amidst great enthusiasm.

A large number of people belonging to all walks of life, including members of Parliament, Government officials, Union Parishad members and chairman, students, political workers, Boy Scouts and Ansars are participating in the massive re-excavation programme.

At last 10,000 people are participating in the canal digging programme daily.

The canal covers a large area including Hajiganj, Matlab and Kathua police stations, about one lakh people of the area will directly be benefitted by the project. The re-excavation of the canal would facilitate all-

time irrigation in about 18,000 acres of land. An additional yield of about 2,70,000 maunds of paddy is expected per annum.

According to official sources about one crore cft earth-work have been completed.

The re-excavation of the canal is expected to be completed by March.

BATA NADI CANAL

Re-excavation work of the four-mile long Bata Nadi canal in Sreerampur Union Parishad of Nabinagar thana began on Monday morning.

Mr. Habibullah Khan, Minister for Information and Broadcasting, formally inaugurated the re-excavation work at Reazatpur about 13 miles from here.

The canal is being re-excavated as part of the country wide canal digging programme in response to the call of President Ziaur Rahman.

A large number of people from all walks of life participated in the re-excavation work on the inaugural day today.

The canal when completed will irrigate about 15 hundred acres of land and is expected to yield 30 thousand maunds of additional crops every year.