

Canal digging going on in full swing

People throughout the country are spontaneously participating in the digging of new and re-excavation of old canals and construction of dams on voluntary basis under mass participation schemes at the call of President Ziaur Rahman to make the country self-sufficient in food, reports BSS.

According to reports reaching in Dacca from different parts of the country, in Rajshahi canal digging schemes are progressing fast in Sadar, Natore, Noagoan, and Nawabganj sub-divisions of the district.

NATORE

In Natore sub-division, two canals from the Nandakuja river to Dhanara and Kandail under Chapila-Najirpur and Halza-Joari union are almost complete. The lengths of the canals are one and a half miles and one mile respectively.

The re-excavation work of the four-mile long canal from the Atrai river to Boaria in Singra and Chourigram is also expected to be completed with in next three weeks. Over two lakh people are engaged in the digging and re-excavation of the canals.

RAJSHAHI

In Nagoan, the re-excavation of five and a half mile long canal from the Atrai river to Balubazar in Valajan and Raranpur unions is going on in full swing. About 434,583 mandays are required for the re-excavation work which is expected to be completed by next four weeks.

Digging of a ten-mile long canal in Gobartala union under Nawabganj sub-division is also in progress. About 260,000 mandays labour would finish the project in the next ten weeks.

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Rajshahi Sadar, Sarda, Saula, Godagari, Matikata, Mohnpur, Bhavaniganj, Dootpur and Barbhanali unions is also going on in full swing. About 46,3,930 mandays are involved in the re-excavation of the eight mile-long canals which criss-cross the unions. The digging of the canals is expected to be completed by next five to six weeks.

CHITTAGONG

In Chittagong, digging of canals in Chaultali is Sadar South and Maricha under Sadar North sub-division of the district is progressing fast.

Digging of canals in Boalia, Nariur and Boalkhali under Brahmanbaria and Chandpur sub-divisions of Comilla district is going on in full swing.

Re-excavation work of Ranirhat-Katadia-Bharani canal in Sadar South sub-division of Barisal was inaugurated on December 11. Thousands of people are working on the project on voluntary basis which is expected to be completed on schedule.

TANGAIL

In Tangail, the re-excavation of Dholkeswari-Louhajang link canal near Shikbar under Sarghat which has been completed recently. Digging of the other two canals of the district is also expected to be completed soon.

The digging of Chutape II canal in Piganj police station under Dinajpur district began yesterday. In Comilla, digging

of Choultatali Canal under Sadar South subdivision of the district is also under progress. So far earth work of 188 lakh cubic feet has been completed. About 26,000 people are spontaneously working on the project.

Earth work of 151 lakh cubic feet has also been completed in the Marjhakendi canal under Sadar North subdivision of Comilla. About 32,000 people are participating in the digging programme.

HABIGANJ

In Habiganj, re-excavation work of one-mile long Perikhal-Jalubari canal begun yesterday. Thousands of enthusiastic people from all walks of life are participating in the work.

The canal, when completed, will provide water to cover 3,000 acres of land during the dry season and help increase production of about 90,000 mandas of boro paddy in the area. about 30 power pumps can be operated from the canal during dry season.

In Munshiganj, re-excavation of six-mile long Baligao-Ghordeur canal was inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner of Dacca on December 12. About ten thousand enthusiastic people from all walks of life are participating in the re-excavation work on self-help basis. When completed, the canal will provide water to about ten thousand acres of land during dry season.