

## Progress of canal digging in Rangpur reviewed

The second meeting of the high-powered Rangpur District Agriculture Committee was held on Friday. Mr Majeedul Islam, Minister for Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones and Chairman of the Committee presided, according to an official announcement.

The meeting reviewed the progress of canal-digging operation in the district and expressed satisfaction with the progress of work.

It also reviewed the progress in the agriculture sector of the district in the light of the agriculture revolution launched by President Ziaur Rahman.

The Committee suggested measures for doubling food production and recommended to the concerned Ministry for fielding more tube-wells after proper soil testing and also pressing into service more power pumps.

The meeting requested the Government for immediate sanction of loans to the farmers for purchase of Aus Seeds.

It urged the Ministry of Relief and Rehabilitation to extend the time limit of 100 days for works programme in the district upto June 30 this year with 10 lakh maunds of wheat as committed by the President last year for this programme.

Prime Minister Shah Amanul Rahman, Food Minister Mr Abdul Momen Khan, Relief and Rehabilitation Minister Mr Emran Ali Sarker and State Minister for Agriculture Dr Iqbal Mahmud attended the meeting as special invitees.

Minister for Labour and Industrial Welfare Mr Reazuddin Ahmed, State Minister for Science and Technology Dr R A Ghani, Chairman BADC Members of the Parliament of the district who are ex-officio members of the district agriculture committee, D C Rangpur and Member-Secretary of the committee and officials from Agriculture Water and Power Development were present at the meeting.