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Mr. M. Matiur Rahman, Minister for Communication.

Life-sketch of M Matiur Rahman

Mr. M. Matiur Rahman was born in Kowkhali P.S. under Barisal district in 1923. He obtained M.A. in Political Science and LL.B. from University of Dhaka. He joined in the Department of Political Science, University of Dhaka as Lecturer in 1948. During his student life he was General Secretary, Dhaka University Political Science Association (1943-44) and Vice-President, Salimullah Muslim Hall Students Union (1945-46).

He was selected for the then Pakistan Central Superior Service on countrywide competition and joined in Audit and Accounts Service in December 1949. During 1949 to 1956 he served in the Finance and Accounts Department of the then East Pakistan Railway and during 1957 to 1962 he performed the responsibilities of as Under-Secretary and Deputy Secretary under Central Government. After constituting 'Economic Pool' in 1960, he became a member of the pool among a few Bengali officers.

Mr. Matiur Rahman held various positions connected with the formulation of national policy and served also as the chief executive of several Government and autonomous corporations in different capacities. He served as Member (Finance), IWTA and Finance Director, National Shipping Corporation (NSC) in the then Pakistan Government. In 1970-71 he held the responsibility of Chairman, Pakistan Trading Corporation.

In 1973 he returned back to independent Bangladesh on repatriation and was appointed Secretary for Industries in 1984. He had been Secretary for Commerce from 1976 to 1982.

Mr. Matiur Rahman was appointed Ambassador to Japan and Republic of Korea in 1982. After retiring from the Government Service he was appointed Chairman, Board of Governors, Agrani Bank in 1985.

Mr. Rahman represented Bangladesh as leader of the national delegation at various international fora as well as in bilateral negotiations. He led Bangladesh delegation to annual conference Industrial Council of ESCAP in 1974, EEC for negotiating EEC Bangladesh Commercial Cooperation agreement in 1976, to China and Pakistan for negotiating and signing First Trade Agreement in 1976, to the Ministerial level conference on Economic Cooperation among Developing Countries (ECDC) in Mexico in 1976. Mr. Rahman led Bangladesh to first ever trade delegation to Vietnam in 1979 and first ever trade delegation to Bhutan in 1980.

He was elected Co-chairman of EEC Bangladesh Joint Commission in 1977 and Chairman, in individual capacity, of a high level expert group of ESCAP which prepared a blueprint for Asian Trade Cooperation in 1977.

Mr. Matiur Rahman joined active politics in 1985. He was elected Member of Parliament in last Parliamentary election held on May 7, 1986.

He was appointed Minister for Communications on November 30, 1986.

Mr. Rahman is widely travelled man. He was a member of Dhaka and Barisal Bar Association. He is the founder of Kowkhali College in Pirojpur district. He is also a patron of many educational institutions.