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### *Population of Dhaka city 89.66 lakh*

By A Staff Reporter

The population of Dhaka metropolitan area has increased by 55.26 lakh during the period between 1981 and 1995 raising the total population to 89.66 lakh.

This was stated by State Minister for Planning Dr. Abdul Moyeen Khan while replying to a question from BNP Member Redwan Ahmed in the Jatiya Sangsad.

Dr Khan, however, said the rate of growth in population size has been declining during recent years mainly due to measures taken by the present democratic government to strengthen rural economy and poverty alleviation programme. He said if the present trend in allocation to rural economy continues, the population pressure in urban areas would decrease.

The Planning State Minister said it is difficult to resist natural urbanization. But, he said, necessary infrastructures have to be built to reduce pressure of population to a limited urban area.