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Life-sketch of Dr. M. N. Huda

The following is the life-sketch of Dr. M. N. Huda, who was sworn in as Minister for Finance, on Sunday.

Dr. M. N. Huda, a renowned Economist of the country, was appointed as the Minister for Finance on 15-4-1979.

Earlier, he worked as a Member to the Council of Advisers to the President from 27-11-1975 to 28-6-1978 and was in charge of the Ministry of Planning. He also worked as Minister for Finance, in addition to Planning from 15-10-1978 to 14-4-1979.

Born in 1919 in Tangail, Dr. Huda was althrough a scholar from primary to degree level. He stood first among all Honours Graduates of the Dacca University in 1940 and was awarded Raja Kalinara-yen Scholarship. He stood first in the the First Class in the MA Examination in Economics of the Dacca University in 1941.

He did his Ph.D. Degree in Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, USA, in 1949.

He joined the Dacca University as Reader in Economics in 1949. Later he was appointed Professor of Economics in the University.

He was appointed Minister for Finance and Planning, Government of the then East Pakistan, in 1965. Prior to that, he was a Member of the Pakistan Planning Commission.

Dr. Huda was also appointed Governor of erstwhile East Pakistan in March, 1969.

Again he joined the Dacca University as Professor of Economics in July, 1969.

Later, he was Chairman, Department of Economics; Chairman, Bureau of Economic Research and Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, Dacca University.

Dr. Huda was associated with several economic bodies of the then Pakistan from 1942 to 1962. He was a Member, Taxation Enquiry Committee, Government of Pakistan and Panel of Economists for First and Second Plans. He was elected President of the Pakistan Economic Association in 1965.

Dr. Huda attended several national and international conferences of ECAFE, UN-ESCO, etc.

There are to his credit 18 research works and publications on economics.

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