



Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf, Minister of State for Local Government, Rural Development and Co-operatives, inaugurated the re-excavation of Gheor-Kushtia roadside canal under Manikganj sub-division on Monday. —Photo PID

## Canal digging an important part of 19-pt programme

GHEOR (Manikganj), Dec. 8: Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf, State Minister for Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives on Monday inaugurated the re-excavation of Gheor-Kustia road side canal under Manikganj subdivision, reports BSS.

The four-mile long 27 feet wide and 8 feet deep canal, when completed by voluntary

mass participation, will benefit 700 families of the surrounding area. About 250 acres of land will come under irrigation and additional 6,000 maunds of crops are expected to be produced annually.

Re-excavation of the canal will be completed by first week of March.

Addressing a gathering on the occasion, the State Minister called upon the people particularly the members of local Government bodies, to identify the problems of their respective areas and urged them to solve those with local initiative. He assured all possible Government assistance in this regard. He also said that no development efforts could be made fruitful without benefiting the toiling masses.

Dwelling on the development programme initiated by Shahid President Ziaur Rahman, he said that canal digging for boosting food production was an important part of the 19-point programme now going on in the country and urged the people to participate in the excavation and re-excavation of canals spontaneously.