



Dr H Mable, D-G of World Health Organisation visited the re-excavation work of the seven-mile long Chittalia Canal in Dogachi Union in Pabna on February 12. Prof M A Matin and Dr Fazlul Karim, Minister of Health and Population Control were also present on the occasion.—Photo PID.

Canal digging going on in full swing

From Our Correspondent

CHANDPUR, Feb. 14: The re-excavation work of the 10-mile long Boalgari Canal is going on in full swing which links Hajiganj, Madhab thana under the Chandpur subdivision. Informed sources said that total volume of earthwork involved is 77,77,550 cft of which 70 per cent work has already been completed.

On completion of the re-excavation work about 10,000 acres of land will get irrigation facilities which will produce double crops. Besides, navigation will also be facilitated in the north-east zone of the subdivision on during the winter and summer seasons.

Members of the Chandpur Rotary Club, Lions Club, Apex Club, different youth and student organisations, members of the Government and autonomous body, Chandpur Pourashava, Jatiyatabadi Juba Dal and teachers organisations have voluntarily participating in the re-excavation work.

Mr SFA Bari, Deputy Commissioner, Comilla, recently addressed at cross-section of people in the conference room of the SDO about the utility of digging canals. The Deputy Commissioner said the soil of the district is very fertile and with the irrigation facilities even triple crops can be produced so canal digging is in the interest of the people themselves.

BRAHMANBARIA

Our Correspondent from Brahmanbaria adds: The three-mile long canal digging cum road construction work at Natati (North) Union under Brahmanbaria police station is going on in full swing.

According to an official source a total of 1,561 maunds of wheat have so far been allocated for the scheme taken up under the World Food Programme (WFP) exclusively for women.

The scheme in which about 400 women have taken part inaugurated by the SDO on February 4.

Addressing a gathering of about 500 women at the project site the SDO pointed out that Government had already initiated positive measures to help women play their role in development work of the country. He urged the women to participate in all nation-building work actively to double the food production in shortest possible time.

Presided over by Miss Jamila Begum, Brahmanbaria District unit of Jatiyatabadi Mahila Dal; the meeting was addressed, among others, by Begum Sufia Hoque, President Brahmanbaria unit of Bangladesh Mahila Sangstha; Mr Hamidul Huque Tukku, Secretary Brahmanbaria District BNP and Mr Siddiqueur Rahman Ex-Chairman, Natati (N) Union Parishad.

The scheme is expected to be completed by mid-March. After completion of the project about 1,000 acres of land will get irrigation facilities. Besides about 40,000 people of three Union Parishads will get better transport facility.

NETRAKONA

Our Netrakona Correspondent adds: Taka 71,000 have been sanctioned by the Government for re-excavation of the derelict ponds in different areas of Gouripur police station during the current financial year.

It is reported that a number of derelict ponds would be brought under pisciculture through cooperative system under the scheme. For ensuring proper execution of various schemes, a project committee would be formed for each of the scheme.

SATKHIRA

Our correspondent from Satkhira adds: Under the country wide canal digging programme the excavation of a 3½ miles long canal Karatakhmi river

to Salika river in Tala PS; the re-excavation of a 2½ miles long canal from Kapatakhmi river to Bamanali Beel; the re-excavation of a 2½ miles long Jalatala Canal starting from Jalatala and ending at Sitalpur in Kaliganj PS and the re-excavation of a 2½ miles long canal from Iswari-pur to Munshiganj in Shamnagar PS were taken up.

Of these, the digging of three canals were completed recently in about 45 working days and work of the remaining projects is nearing completion.

Thousands of people including chairmen and members of UPs land-owners, Government employees, teachers, students, Ansars and youths of various organisations everyday participate in earth work of about 84 lakh cft.

The excavated canals will serve as outlets for drainage of rain water and reservoirs to feed about 22,500 bighas of land with irrigation waters during the dry season. It will yield additional crops worth about Tk two crore annually.

DINAJPUR

Our Correspondent from Dinajpur adds: Re-excavation of the artificial lake at Dinajpur Children Park was inaugurated by the Deputy Commissioner, recently Mr. Md. Mohsin Ali, President of the District BNP and Chairman of Dinajpur Pourashava was the chief guest.

It may be mentioned here that Taka 13 lakh was sanctioned by the Government for construction of a new park for children near Dinajpur Hellport. The artificial lake will be re-excavated under food for works programme. About 400 feet long and 150 feet wide the lake would be completed. Later, fish fries would be released there.

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Mr. Mohsin Ali said that the revolutionary programmes of the BNP were aimed at ending exploitation of man by man by ensuring social justice. He exhorted the people to work hard to make the revolutionary programmes a success with the same zeal and enthusiasm as they had demonstrated during the liberation war in 1971.

He urged the people at all levels to work for the success of the second revolution of President Ziaur Rahman to be launched from February 21 for the removal of illiteracy. Mr. Mohsin Ali said that the agri-

cultural revolution launched by President Ziaur Rahman was a timely bold step to reach the fruits of independence to the people.

RAJSHAHI

BSS from Rajshahi adds: Re-excavation of two canals on self-help basis has been completed in Natore subdivision in response to the call of President Ziaur Rahman to improve irrigation facilities for doubling food production within five years.

The one and a half mile long Nandakuja river to Dhanora and one mile long Nandakuja river to Kandail Canal have been dug with the participation of teachers, students, workers, women and officials. About 700 acres of land will be irrigated in the areas yielding an additional 60,000 maunds of crops annually.

Digging of two other canals in the district are expected to be completed shortly. Meanwhile, re-excavation of six other canals is going on in full swing.

BSS special correspondent who visited a number of re-excavation of canals in different parts of the district found hundreds of people spontaneously participating in digging canals on voluntary labour to make the revolution a total success.

The three and a half mile long Sardah Mukhtiarpur - Holidighachi Canal in Charchat thana under Sadar subdivision has been dug to provide irrigation facilities to about 1300 acres of land in the area. The re-excavation work of the project is expected to be completed soon.

Digging of one and a half miles long Madarpur-Dudhi canal in Sadar subdivision is going on rapidly and he projected to be completed soon.