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Bangladesh's population now 12.43 cr

The total population of Bangladesh was recorded at 124.3 million while its per square mile density was 2,170 during the fiscal year 1996-97, according to the indicators provided by Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics available in Dhaka on Thursday, reports BSS.

The major economic indicators of Bangladesh prepared by the economic research cell of Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, were published in its November issue this year.

The indicators said the total population of Bangladesh and per square mile density was 113.3 million and 2,037 in 1991-92, 115.5 million and 2,016 in 1992-93, 117.7 million and 2,055 in 1993-94, 119.9 million and 2,114 in 1994-95 and 122.1 million and 2,144 in 1995-96.

The per square mile density during the fiscal 1992-93 declined due to rise of land in the sea adjacent to Bangladesh, the indicators said.

The GDP during the 1996-97 fiscal was 32,979 million US dollars with growth rate as 5.7 per cent while the per capita GNP was 276 US dollars.

The share of agriculture to the GDP during the same fiscal was 32.8 per cent with growth rate at 6.0 per cent while the share of industry to the GDP was 11.1 per cent with growth rate at 3.3 per cent.