

Life-sketch of Saifur Rahman

Following is the life sketch of Finance Minister Mr M. Saifur Rahman:

Mr Mohammed Saifur Rahman, son of Late Moulvi Abdul Bashir, was born at Maulvi Bazar, Sylhet in 1931. He obtained degree in chartered accountancy from London in 1958. He is a fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales. He received training in advance man-

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Before becoming Minister of Commerce, he was a member of President's Council of Advisor (since December, 1976) in charge of the Ministry of Commerce.

Mr Rahman is married and has three sons and one daughter.



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Mr. Saifur Rahman acted as auditor, adviser and Consultant to a number of national and international commercial industrial, railways, air line, Shipping, financial, bank and Insurance organisations. He was a member of the National Pay Commission 1969-71 and 1972-73, Tea Industry Enquiry Committee in 1972 and Industrial Workers' Wages Commission in 1973.

Mr. Rahman was also Member, Nationalisation Compensation Committee, committee to look into the condition of tea industry in 1973 and the committee on bonus and retirement benefits to employees of institutions, Member, Pay and Services Commission, 1976.

He was President, Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh, Vice-President, Rotary Club, Dacca North. He is founder member and Treasurer of Bangladesh Institute of Law and International Affairs and President, United Nations Association of Bangladesh.

Mr. Saifur Rahman led the Bangladesh delegation to the Commonwealth Accountants Conference held in New Delhi in February, 1975. He was a member of the delegation of World Federation of United Nations Association to World Population Conference at Bucharest in 1974. In the year 1977-78 Mr. Rahman had to attend many important conference abroad for the economic interest of Bangladesh. Amongst them in 1978 he attended UNCTAD conference at Geneva as leader of Bangladesh delegation.

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