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## Life-sketch of Ministers

### M. N. Huda

Dr. M. N. Huda a renowned Economist of the country was appointed as the Minister for Finance on April 15, 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 although a scholar from primary to degree level. He stood first among all Honours Graduate of the Dacca University in 1940 and was awarded Raja Kalnarayan Scholarship. He stood first in the first Class in the M.A. Examination in Economics of the Dacca University in 1941.

He did his Ph.D. Degree in Agricultural Economics from 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 conference of ECAFE, UNESCO, etc.

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

### Obaidur Rahman

Mr. K.M. Obaidur Rahman was born in Faridpur in a respectable Muslim family on May 5, 1940. He obtained B. A. (Hons) and M.A. degrees from Dacca University.

Mr. Rahman started active politics from his student days. He was General Secretary of the Dacca University Central Student Union in 1962-1963 and President, the then East Pakistan Students League in 1963.

1965. He became Social Secretary of the then East Pakistan Awami League in 1966 and held the post till 1971. He served as State Minister in the Ministry of Posts and Telegraphs from 1973 to 1975. He suffered political imprisonment for 6 years during Ayub regime.

Mr. Rahman joined the Council of Ministers in June, 1978 and was allocated the portfolio of the Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock. He was elected Member of the Parliament from Faridpur-6 constituency during the 1979 parliamentary elections. He retained the portfolio of the Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock when he was sworn in as Minister on April 15, 1979.

Mr. K.M. Obaidur Rahman visited many countries of Asia and Europe. He takes keen interest in sports and gardening.

Mr. K.M. Obaidur Rahman, a good orator took active part in the War of Liberation and contributed greatly to the freedom struggle.

In 1978 Mr. K.M. Obaidur Rahman visited Saudi Arabia as Leader of the Bangladesh Hajj Delegation.

### Abdul Alim

Mr. Abdul Alim, a former MPA and Parliamentary Secretary, was born in 1930 at Pandua in the district of Hooghly West Bengal.

Mr. Alim was elected Chairman of the Joypurhat Pouroshava and also served as Vice-Chairman of Bogra Zilla Board from 1965 to 1972. He was also Chairman of the local council of Jaipurhat and founder-Secretary of Jaipurhat Degree College.

Mr. Alim was Secretary Hooghly Mohsin College Muslim Students' League in the year 1946-47 and also Naib-

Salar-e-Zilla of the Muslim League National Guard during the same period.

He was elected Member of the Parliament from Bogra-1 constituency in the February, 1979 elections.

He joined the Council of Ministers on 29 June, 1978 and was allocated the Ministry of Textiles. He was sworn in as a Minister on April 15, 1979 and was allocated portfolio of the Ministry of Railway Roads Highways and Road Transport.

Mr. Abdul Alim has travelled widely and visited Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Thailand and Singapore as member of different delegations.

Mr. Alim has four sons and a daughter.