

ECNEC approves 4 projects

11 secondary schools, 6 colleges to be built in capital

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THE Executive Committee of the National Economic Council on Tuesday approved four development projects involving Tk 1189 crore, including a project to construct 11 secondary schools and 6 colleges in the capital.

ECNEC chairperson and prime minister Sheikh Hasina gave the approval in an ECNEC meeting at the NEC conference room in Sher-e-Banglanagar in Dhaka.

Of the total amount, Tk 834 crore will come from the government exchequer, with Tk 355 crore allocated as project assistance, said plan-

ning minister AK Khandaker while addressing reporters after the meeting.

He said that the project of setting up 11 secondary schools and 6 colleges in the Dhaka under the education ministry would cost Tk 435 crore, entirely to be borne by the government. The tenure of the project is January 2010 to December 2013.

The purpose of setting up government secondary schools and colleges would be spreading education as well as ensuring the standard of it in the proposed schools and colleges, added the planning minister.

The secondary schools would be constructed in the

city's Uttara, Pallabi, Badda, Demra, Kamrangirchar, Hajeribagh, Shah Ali, Kafrul, Gulshan, Jatrabari and Sabujbagh areas.

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Planning secretary Habibullah Majumder was present at the briefing.

The other approved projects include an emergency disaster rehabilitation project (revised) under the communications ministry involving Tk 436 crore, a bridge on the River Surma in Sunamganj district, another revised project under the communications ministry,

at Tk 65 crore, and the BMA Bangabandhu Complex at Bhatiari in Chittagong under the defence ministry at a cost of Tk 253 crore.

Finance minister AMA Muhith, agriculture minister Matia Chowdhury, labour and employment minister Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain, water resources minister Ramesh Chandra Sen, commerce minister Faruk Khan, communications minister Syed Abul Hossain, shipping minister Shahjahan Khan, education minister Nurul Islam Nahid and advisors to the prime minister were present, among others, in the meeting.