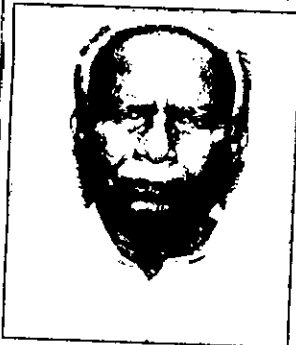


Profile of ministers, state ministers



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ramesh Chandra Sen

Newly appointed Minister for Ministry of Water Resources Ramesh Chandra Sen was born at Ruhia village in Sadar upazila in Thakurgaon district on April 30 in 1940.

He obtained his graduation from Dinajpur Surandranath College in 1963. He had been serving as an honorary teacher of Ruhia High School since 1970.

Ramesh got involved with politics of Awami League (AL) since his student life. He was elected Vice-President of Thakurgaon District Awami League in 1979.

He became president of District Awami League in 2003.

In December 29 parliamentary elections, he was elected a member of parliament (MP) from Thakurgaon-1 constituency.

In his electoral pledges, he said to people that he would work for overall development of the area. He also promised to solve problems of educational institutions in the area.



Dr Afsarul Amin

Dr Afsarul Amin, a physician and a businessman, was born on January 1, 1952 at Pahartali in Chittagong.

Son of late Dr Fazlul Amin and Hazera Khatun, Afsarul obtained his MBBS degree from Chittagong Medical College in 1979.

He got involved in student politics of Bangladesh Chhatra League since his student life and became its president.

Being imbued with the noble cause of independence, Afsarul also participated in the liberation war in 1971.

He was the vice-president of South Kattoli Ward unit of Awami League for long until he became the relief and social welfare secretary of Chittagong city unit AL in 1992.

Afsarul was elected organising secretary of Chittagong city AL unit in 1997 and joint secretary in its last convocation on June 27, 2006.

Elected from Chittagong-9, the minister pledged to fulfil his election commitments.



Rezaul Karim Hira

Land Minister Rezaul Karim Hira was born on December 1 in 1942 in Jamalpur district.

After completing his matriculation, he, also a businessman, started his career in politics. He took part in the War of Liberation and served as a joint convenor of Sangram Parishad formed by Awami League (AL) being the general secretary of Jamalpur Mohokuma AL.

He also served in Jamalpur Central Cooperative Bank as its director, vice-president and president. He was also the vice president of Jamalpur district AL.

Rezaul was elected as member of parliament in 1996 and 2001 elections. He served as a member of the standing committee on cultural ministry in the eighth parliament.

In his electoral pledges, he said that he would implement the long-standing demand to build a bridge in Nandina Ferighat.



Enamul Haq Mostafa Shahid

Newly appointed Minister for Ministry of Social Welfare Enamul Haq Mostafa Shahid yesterday urged the officials of his ministry to work together for changing the fate of deprived people in society.

He said this while addressing the officials of his ministry and different departments.

He further said that his ministry would work for betterment of the distressed, help-

less, orphans, disabled and vagrants.

He also advised the officials to work sincerely for welfare of disadvantaged people.



Abdul Latif Biswas

Newly appointed Minister for Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock Abdul Latif Biswas was born in Belkuchi upazila in Sirajganj district.

After passing the Dakhil examination, he was admitted to Belkuchi Degree College where he obtained his graduation degree in 1986.

He entered into politics during his student life and joined Bangladesh Chhatra League.

Biswas, also a businessman, was elected chairman of Dowlatpur Union Parishad twice in 1983 and 1988. In 1988, he contested and won from jail.

He was elected a member of parliament (MP) in 1986 with Awami League ticket.

In December 29 parliamentary elections, he was re-elected a lawmaker from Sirajganj-5 constituency.

In his electoral pledges, he said that he would strive hard to rejuvenate sick handloom industry and protect the area from erosion by the Jamuna.



Dr Abdur Razzak

Born in 1950 in Tangail, Food and Disaster Management Minister Dr Abdur Razzak has been involved in politics since his student life.

He completed his graduation from Bangladesh Agricultural University in 1971 and did his PhD from Purdue University in the USA in 1983.

A former director of Bangladesh Agriculture Research Council, Dr Razzak

took part in anti-Ayub movement, six-point movement and 11-point mass movement. He was also jailed for his involvement in such movements.

Dr Razzak, a freedom fighter, was a company commander during the Liberation War. He was the first person to hoist the national flag in Tangail in independent Bangladesh.

He was the secretary general of Bangladesh Agronomist Institution in 1996-97.

He was also elected a member of parliament from Tangail constituency in the eighth national parliamentary election.

In his electoral pledges this year, he said that he would take steps to establish Dhanbari as a full-fledged upazila, bring a pipeline to the area and meet the demands of indigenous people.