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The Government of Japan will provide an amount of Japanese Yen 173,538 million (approx. Tk 12,819 crore) under the 37th Official Development Assistance (ODA) Loan Package for the following six projects. The Exchange of Notes and Loan Agreements for the six projects were signed today between the Governments of Bangladesh and Japan. Kazi Shofiquel Azam, Additional Secretary, Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Finance signed the Exchange of Notes with H.E. Mr Masato Watanabe, Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh and the Loan Agreements with Mr Mikio Hataeda, Chief Representative, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Bangladesh Office.

Brief descriptions of the projects are as follows:

Name of Project	Project Executing Ministry/Division; Implementing Agency	Amount of ODA loans (in Japanese Yen)
Jamuna Railway Bridge Construction Project (Engineering Services)	Ministry of Railways; Bangladesh Railway	2,464 million
Cross-Border Road Network Improvement Project (Bangladesh)	Road Transport and Highways Division; Roads and Highways Department (RHD)	28,698 million
Dhaka Mass Rapid Transit Development Project (II)	Road Transport and Highways Division; Dhaka Mass Transit Company Limited	75,571 million
Matarbari Ultra Super Critical Coal-Fired Power Project (II)	Power Division; Road Transport and Highways Division; Coal Power Generation Company of Bangladesh Limited (CPGCBL); Power Grid Company of Bangladesh (PGCB); RHD	37,821 million
Energy Efficiency and Conservation Promotion Financing Project	Power Division; Economic Relations Division; Finance Division; SREDA; IDCOL; BIFFL	11,988 million
Disaster Risk Management Enhancement Project	Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief; Ministry of Water Resources; Local Government Division; Ministry of Home Affairs; Department of Disaster Management; Bangladesh Water Development Board; LGED; Fire Service and Civil Defence	16,996 million
Total		173,538 million (approx. Tk 12,819 crore)

Rate of Interest: 0.01% per annum which is payable in 40 years including 10 years grace period.

Jamuna Railway Bridge Construction Project (Engineering Services): The total project cost is JPY 150,972 (approx. Tk. 11,156 crore). JICA will provide JPY 119,728 million (approx. Tk 8,836 crore) in ODA loan, which accounts for 79% of the total project cost. The objective of the project is to construct a dedicated railway bridge over the river Jamuna in parallel to the existing Bangabandhu Bridge. JICA will provide loans in different phases. In the 1st phase, JPY 2,464 million will be provided for the engineering services.

Cross-Border Road Network Improvement Project (Bangladesh): Total project cost is JPY 39,177 million (approx. Tk 2473 crore). JICA will provide JPY 28,698 million (approx. Tk 1,851.77 crore) in ODA loan, which accounts for 75% of the total project cost. The objective of the project is to construct 17 bridges and 7 culverts including Kalna bridge on the Asian Highway Corridor to establish the continuous regional and subregional connectivity. The project's DPP was approved on 16 April 2016.

Dhaka Mass Rapid Transit Development Project (II): The total project cost is JPY 279,902 million (approx. Tk 21,985.07 crore). JICA will provide JPY 187,707 million (approx. Tk 16,594.59 crore) in ODA loan, which accounts for 67% of total project cost. The objective of the project is to construct metro rail in the city of Dhaka. JICA will provide ODA loans in phases. Previously, JPY 10,477 million was provided for the consulting services. Under this package, an amount of JPY 75,571 million will be provided. The project's DPP was approved on 18 December 2012.

Matarbari Ultra Super Critical Coal-Fired Power Project (II): The total project cost is JPY 449,925 million (approx. Tk 35,984.45 crore). JICA will provide JPY 382,162 million (approx. Tk 28,939.03 crore) in ODA loan, which accounts for 80% of total project cost. The objective of the project is to construct Matarbari Ultra Super Critical Coal-Fired Power Plant of 1,200MW production capacity. JICA will provide loans in phases. Previously, JPY 41,498 million was provided. Under this package, an amount of JPY 37,821 million will be provided. The project's DPP was approved on 12 August 2014.

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Promotion Financing Project: The total project cost is JPY 13,089 million (approx. Tk 917 crore). JICA will provide JPY 11,988 million (approx. Tk 886 crore) in ODA loan, which accounts for 91% of the total project cost. The objective of the project is to promote energy efficiency and conservation measures and to facilitate installation of energy efficient equipment in Bangladesh.

Disaster Risk Management Enhancement Project: The total project cost is JPY 20,692 million (approx. Tk 1529 crore). JICA will provide JPY 16,996 million (approx. Tk 1256 crore) in ODA loan, which accounts for 82% of the total project cost. The objective of the project is to enhance comprehensive disaster risk management by recovering and rehabilitating infrastructures and providing equipment.

Japan is the largest bilateral development partner of Bangladesh. Japan has been providing financial support in different sectors which contributed significantly to the socio-economic development of Bangladesh since its independence.


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