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A loan agreement of USD 250.00 million under the 'Bangladesh-First Recovery and Resilience Development Policy Credit (DPC1)' was signed between the Government of Bangladesh (GoB) and the World Bank (WB) on April 18 2022. Ms. Fatima Yasmin, Secretary, Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Finance and Mr. Mohammad Anis, Acting Country Director, World Bank, Dhaka Office signed the loan agreement on behalf of the GoB and the WB, respectively.

In response to the adverse effects of COVID-19, the GoB has provided stimulus incentives to economically affected industries, agriculture sector and export-oriented industries and to ensuring food security, the government extended the social safety net programmes and employment creation. The WB has agreed to provide USD 250.00 million as Budget Support, titled 'Bangladesh-First Recovery and Resilience Development Policy Credit (DPC1)', which will play a key role in sustaining the post COVID-19 economic recovery and development momentum. The DPC series will provide USD 500.00 million in two consecutive Fiscal Years 2021-22 and 2022-23. The main objectives of the DPC1 are to assist Bangladesh in its efforts to implement budget stimulus for the subsequent recovery of COVID-19 and to enhance resilience to future shocks. There are two sectoral focuses: a) Fiscal and financial, and b) Lives and Livelihood for a Resilient Economy.

The interest rate of the above mentioned loan is 1.25%, and the service charge at the rate of 0.75%, and this loan has to be repaid in 30 (thirty) years with a grace period of 5 (Five) years.

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