

## Grant No. 20

## 123 - Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs Division

## Medium Term Expenditure

(Taka in Thousands)

Description	Budget 2023-24	Projection	
		2024-25	2025-26
Operating Expenditure	40,89,00	43,75,00	46,81,00
Development Expenditure	2,00,00	2,14,00	2,29,00
<b>Total</b>	<b>42,89,00</b>	<b>45,89,00</b>	<b>49,10,00</b>
Recurrent	39,94,60	43,54,00	46,55,25
Capital	2,91,50	2,29,40	2,47,95
Financial Asset	2,90	5,60	6,80
Liability	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>42,89,00</b>	<b>45,89,00</b>	<b>49,10,00</b>

**1.0 Mission Statement and Major Functions****1.1 Mission Statement**

Establish rule of law through strengthening and modernizing the legal framework and improve human rights situation.

**1.2 Major Functions**

- 1.2.1 Providing advice to all Ministries, Divisions and Offices on all legal and constitutional matters arising out of any legislative proposal, and on the interpretation of any law, including international law related to such proposal;
- 1.2.2 Providing opinion and recommendation on matters relating to international treaties, conventions and international legal affairs and matters relating to international arbitration arising out of international treaties, contracts etc
- 1.2.3 Translation of laws and other statutory rules and orders;
- 1.2.4 Performing administrative responsibility related to copyright of laws and publication of law by the government;
- 1.2.5 Publication of Acts, Ordinances and Constitutional Orders and other statutory orders, rules, regulations and other legal instruments; and codification, consolidation and adaptation of laws and technical corrections and publication of translated authentic text;
- 1.2.6 Providing support to all matters relating to human rights and the Human Rights Commission and assistance to all issues regarding formulation of related laws for Office of the Ombudsman, Law Commission and Election Commission;
- 1.2.7 Coordination of all matters relating to legal reforms; and
- 1.2.8 Drafting, scrutinizing and providing opinions on all kinds of bills, ordinances, constitutional orders, statutory orders, rules, regulations, by-laws, resolutions and notifications.

## 2.0 Medium Term Strategic Objectives and Activities

Medium-Term Strategic Objectives	Activities	Implementing Departments/Agencies
1	2	3
1. Providing effective legal advice to Ministry/ Division/Other Institutions of the Government.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updating Bangladesh code and its publication</li> <li>Compilation, updating and publishing all rules and regulations</li> <li>Updating the associated rules of other laws as referential whenever any law is repealed or amended</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Secretariat</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recommending amendments or, as the case may be, enactment of new laws after examining the relevant provisions of the laws that act as obstacles to speedy disposals of cases.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Law Commission</li> </ul>
2. Improving legal framework for the State	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drafting, scrutinizing and providing opinions on all kinds of bills, ordinances, constitutional orders, statutory orders, rules, regulations, by-laws, resolutions and notifications.</li> <li>Translation of laws enacted in English and Bangla into Bangla and English respectively on a priority basis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Secretariat</li> </ul>
3. Facilitating protection and development of human rights in the country	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Giving advice or assistance to the Government to repeal laws contrary to fundamental rights and also rendering advice and assistance to frame necessary laws and administrative instructions for protection and development of human rights</li> <li>Conducting research and coordination on international conventions and other legal instruments relating to human rights and the harmony of the laws of Bangladesh</li> <li>Taking steps to educate people on human rights and publication and publicity for enhancing public awareness of human rights protection</li> <li>Investigation and disposal of the complaints relating to human rights</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Human Rights Commission</li> </ul>

## 3.0 Poverty and Gender Reporting

### 3.1 Impact of Strategic Objectives on Poverty Reduction and Women's Advancement

#### 3.1.1 Improving legal framework for executive organ of the Government

**Impact on Poverty Reduction:** Establishment of rule of law would be easier if access to the law by all could be ensured, which would help reduce poverty.

**Impact on Women's Advancement:** The advancement and security of women would be ensured if the rule of law is established.

### 3.1.2 Providing effective legal advice to Ministry/Division/Other Institutions of the Government

**Impact on Poverty Reduction:** Poverty reduction and establishment of rule of law would be easier if access to legal advice for the poor is ensured

**Impact on Women's Advancement:** Although legal advice might not play direct role in women's advancement, impact of legal assistance would help ensuring women's advancement.

### 3.1.3 Facilitating protection and development of human Rights in the country

**Impact on Poverty Reduction:** Good governance would be established if the human rights of the citizen are protected which would play an important role in poverty reduction.

**Impact on Women's Advancement:** Protection and development of human rights would uphold the rights of women which would have positive impact on women's advancement.

## 3.2 Poverty Reduction and Women's Advancement Related Spending

(Taka in Thousands)

Description	Budget 2023-24	Projection	
		2024-25	2025-26
Poverty Reduction	31,65,19	34,43,51	36,88,75
Gender	12,83,24	14,07,92	15,22,46

## 4.1 Priority Spending Areas/Schemes

Priority Spending Areas/Schemes	Related Strategic Objectives
<p><b>1. To provide opinions on proposal for enactment/amendment of any new or old law or legal instruments</b></p> <p>Government, when required, takes initiative to enact/amend law or legal instruments. It is mandatory that opinions have to be sought from the Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs Division on whether a provision of law has any conflict with any other law, and to maintain a reasonable quality/standard of vetting. As a result, this activity has been considered as the highest priority.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved legal framework for the State</li> </ul>
<p><b>2. Enhancing Capacity of the Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs Division</b></p> <p>Capacity building of this newly- established Division is very important to establish good governance and to expedite necessary legal reforms. For this, training of officers, increasing manpower, procurement of equipment and establishment of a modern and digital library has been identified as the 2<sup>nd</sup> top- priority sector.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved legal framework for the State</li> </ul>
<p><b>3. To update and publish the Bangladesh Code, and to compile and publish rules and regulations</b></p> <p>The Bangladesh Code in 42 volumes containing laws enacted up to 30 June 2014 has been published. Meanwhile, amendments to many coded laws have been made. In addition, more than 100 new laws have been enacted. In light of these, updating and publishing the Bangladesh Code has been given priority. Compilation and publication of rules and regulations etc. have also been given priority.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved legal framework for the State</li> </ul>
<p><b>4. Translation of laws</b></p> <p>Initiatives have been taken to translate all laws, that are written in English into Bangla and the laws written in Bangla into English, especially in the interest of trade and commerce and attracting foreign investment. As a result, expenditure related to this has been considered as priority expenditure.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved legal framework for the State</li> </ul>

## 4.2 Medium Term Expenditure Estimates and Projection (2023-24 to 2025-26)

### 4.2.1 Expenditure by Department/Agencies/Institutional Units

(Taka in Thousands)

Description	Budget	Revised	Budget 2023-24	Projection	
	2022-23			2024-25	2025-26
Secretariat, Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs Division	32,63,78	29,08,87	34,64,00	37,64,00	40,10,00
Law commission	7,17,22	5,58,00	8,25,00	8,25,00	9,00,00
<b>Grand Total :</b>	<b>39,81,00</b>	<b>34,66,87</b>	<b>42,89,00</b>	<b>45,89,00</b>	<b>49,10,00</b>

### 4.2.2 Expenditure by Economic Group Wise

(Taka in Thousands)

Economic Group	Description	Budget	Revised	Budget 2023-24	Projection	
		2022-23			2024-25	2025-26
	<b>Recurrent Expenditure</b>					
3111	Wages and salaries in cash	16,94,75	15,18,07	16,47,02	17,36,88	19,22,90
3211	Administrative expenses	1,23,90	1,88,28	2,04,90	3,07,80	3,21,70
3221	Fees, charges and commissions	1,30	7,00	1,63	2,60	3,60
3231	Training	76,00	90,00	1,23,00	1,48,00	1,70,00
3243	Petrol, oil and lubricants	65,00	65,00	92,00	94,00	94,00
3244	Travel and Transfer	92,00	47,50	83,50	1,46,00	1,42,00
3255	Printing and stationery	95,88	92,84	1,09,00	1,80,95	1,90,80
3256	General supplies and materials	15,00	13,00	16,00	16,00	17,00
3257	Professional services, honorariums and special expenses	58,00	61,78	2,67,50	3,01,00	3,01,50
3258	Repairs and maintenance	1,02,00	1,13,00	1,09,70	1,16,20	1,36,18
3631	Current grants	11,15,00	10,78,50	11,67,50	12,42,00	13,00,00
3632	Capital grants	1,21,00	37,25	1,14,50	58,00	50,00
3821	Current transfers not elsewhere classified	0	0	6,50	0	0
3911	Reserve	2,87	0	51,85	4,57	5,57
	<b>Total : - Recurrent Expenditure</b>	<b>35,62,70</b>	<b>33,12,22</b>	<b>39,94,60</b>	<b>43,54,00</b>	<b>46,55,25</b>
	<b>Capital Expenditure</b>					
4111	Buildings and structures	10,00	5,00	8,50	15,00	20,00
4112	Machinery and equipment	3,05,40	1,46,75	2,83,00	2,14,40	2,27,95
4911	Reserve	1,00,00	0	0	0	0
	<b>Total : - Capital Expenditure</b>	<b>4,15,40</b>	<b>1,51,75</b>	<b>2,91,50</b>	<b>2,29,40</b>	<b>2,47,95</b>
	<b>Assets</b>					
7215	Loans	2,90	2,90	2,90	5,60	6,80
	<b>Total : - Assets</b>	<b>2,90</b>	<b>2,90</b>	<b>2,90</b>	<b>5,60</b>	<b>6,80</b>
	<b>Grand Total :</b>	<b>39,81,00</b>	<b>34,66,87</b>	<b>42,89,00</b>	<b>45,89,00</b>	<b>49,10,00</b>

## 5.0 Key Performance Indicator (KPIs)

Indicator	Related Strategic Objectives	Unit	Revised Target	Actual	Target	Revised Target	Medium Term Targets		
			2021-22		2022-23		2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1. Opinions provided on laws, ordinance and rules/regulations									
opinions on laws	2	%	95	94	95	95	96	97	98
opinions on ordinances			97	95	97	97	98	99	99
opinions on rules/regulations			99	97	99	99	99	100	100
2. Recommendation for formulation of new law	1	%	97	96	97	97	98	99	99

Indicator	Related Strategic Objectives	Unit	Revised Target	Actual	Target	Revised Target	Medium Term Targets		
			2021-22		2022-23		2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
3. Publication of law into Bangla & English	2	%	96	95	98	98	99	100	100
4. Assistance for remedy	3	%	98	97	99	99	99	99	99

## 6.0 Recent Achievements, Activities, Output Indicators and Targets and Expenditure Estimates of the Departments/Agencies

### 6.1 Secretariat

**6.1.1 Recent Achievements:** The Cabinet meeting held on last 31 October, 2022 has approved the observance of 4 November every year as the 'National Constitution Day'. On the occasion of the 50 (fifty) anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (Golden Jubilee), on 4 November 2022, the 'National Constitution Day' was celebrated for the first time with proper dignity and solemnity under the theme " Constitution of Bangladesh, immortal contribution of Bangabandhu" on the initiative of the Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs Division. On the occasion of the celebration of the said day, the messages of His Excellency the President, the Honorable Prime Minister, the Honorable Minister of the Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs and the Secretary of the Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs Division were published in the form of annexure in various national dailies of the country and were sent to mobile phones. Moreover, National Constitution Day is celebrated for the first time in various institutions, organizations, districts and upazilas of the country. Apart from this, 'National Constitution Day' was celebrated for the first time in various missions and embassies abroad. The Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs Division is providing legal opinion/advice to other Ministries and Divisions of the Government as per the legal document 'Rules of Business' and 'Allocation of Business' framed under the Constitution of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. About 3,200 vettings have been completed in the last three years. To implement the Digital Bangladesh vision, all the laws have been presented in the updated form on the website of this Division ([www.legislative.gov.bd](http://www.legislative.gov.bd)). As a result, all the laws of the country are accessible to the people and the people can easily know the latest status of the law.

#### 6.1.2 Activities, Output Indicators and Targets

Activities	Output Indicator	Related Strategic Objectives	Unit	Revised Target	Actual	Target	Revised Target	Medium Term Targets		
				2021-22		2022-23		2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1. Updating Bangladesh Code and its publication	Laws enacted	1	Number	54	54	58	58	58	60	65
2. Compilation, updating and publishing all rules and regulations	Rules and regulations prepared	1		597	597	599	599	620	650	655
3. Updating the associated regulation rules of other laws as referential whenever any law is repealed or amended	Laws suitable for the State	1		700	650	710	710	720	750	760
4. Translation of laws enacted in English and Bangla into Bangla and English respectively on a priority basis	Laws translated for national and international areas	2		65	63	66	66	67	68	70
5. Drafting, scrutinizing and providing opinions on all kinds of Bills, Ordinances, constitutional orders, statutory orders, rules, regulations, international treaties, agreements etc	Given opinions	2	%	100	98	100	100	100	100	100

### 6.1.3 Medium Term Expenditure Estimates by Institutional Unit, Schemes and Projects

(Taka in Thousands)

Name of the Institutional Unit/Scheme/ Project	Related Activity	Actual 2021-22	Budget	Revised	Medium Term Expenditure Estimates		
			2022-23		2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>Operating Activities</b>							
<b>General Activity</b>							
1230101 - Secretariat, Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs Division	1-5	13,40,69	19,02,28	16,47,62	19,51,50	22,15,80	23,94,60
<b>Total : General Activity</b>		<b>13,40,69</b>	<b>19,02,28</b>	<b>16,47,62</b>	<b>19,51,50</b>	<b>22,15,80</b>	<b>23,94,60</b>
<b>Special Activity</b>							
120000801 - Loans to Government Employees	1-5	0	2,90	2,90	2,90	5,60	6,80
127002301 - Asia Pacific Forum (APF)	1-5	2,55	2,60	2,60	2,60	2,60	2,60
127021701 - International criminal Court	1-5	16,28	20,00	20,00	25,00	26,00	27,00
<b>Total : Special Activity</b>		<b>18,83</b>	<b>25,50</b>	<b>25,50</b>	<b>30,50</b>	<b>34,20</b>	<b>36,40</b>
<b>Total : Operating Activities</b>		<b>13,59,52</b>	<b>19,27,78</b>	<b>16,73,12</b>	<b>19,82,00</b>	<b>22,50,00</b>	<b>24,31,00</b>
<b>Development Activities</b>							
<b>Annual Development Program</b>							
221000123 - Reserve for unapproved project Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs Division, Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs	2,3,5	0	1,00,00	0	0	0	0
224359600 - Strengthening Legislative Capacity and Legal Awareness Building	-	0	0	1,20,00	2,00,00	2,14,00	2,29,00
<b>Total : Annual Development Program</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>1,00,00</b>	<b>1,20,00</b>	<b>2,00,00</b>	<b>2,14,00</b>	<b>2,29,00</b>
<b>Total : Development Activities</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>1,00,00</b>	<b>1,20,00</b>	<b>2,00,00</b>	<b>2,14,00</b>	<b>2,29,00</b>
<b>Total :</b>		<b>13,59,52</b>	<b>20,27,78</b>	<b>17,93,12</b>	<b>21,82,00</b>	<b>24,64,00</b>	<b>26,60,00</b>

## 6.2 Law Commission

**6.2.1 Recent Achievements:** Land Act, 2022, Arbitration Act, 2001, Use of Information and Communication Technology in Judicial Proceedings Act, 2022, repeal of 7 out of 24 Acts of Volume 1 of Bangladesh Code, Publication of Law Glossary, Second Edition, recommendations for Bangladesh Cooperative Bank Act, 2021, National Rivers Protection Commission Act, 2020, Use of Information Technology by Courts Bill, 2020, further amendments to the Transfer of Property Act, 1882, The Supreme Court Judges (Leave, Pension and Privileges) Ordinance, 1982, research report and recommendations regarding its further revision, increasing the scope of family pension of retired judges of Bangladesh Supreme Court and proposal of Family Assistance Fund, General Provident Fund (GPF) special benefits addition, Suppression of Violence against Women Act, 2021 have been sent to the Ministry.

### 6.2.2 Activities, Output Indicators and Targets

Activities	Output Indicator	Related Strategic Objectives	Unit	Revised Target	Actual	Target	Revised Target	Medium Term Targets		
				2021-22		2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1. Recommending amendments or, as the case may be, enactment of new laws after examining the relevant provisions of the laws that act as obstacles to speedy disposals of cases	Recommended laws	1	Number	16	13	17	17	18	19	20

### 6.2.3 Medium Term Expenditure Estimates by Institutional Unit, Schemes and Projects

(Taka in Thousands)

Name of the Institutional Unit/Scheme/ Project	Related Activity	Actual 2021-22	Budget	Revised	Medium Term Expenditure Estimates		
			2022-23		2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>Operating Activities</b>							
<b>General Activity</b>							
1230102 - Law commission	1	4,69,86	7,17,22	5,58,00	8,25,00	8,25,00	9,00,00
<b>Total : General Activity</b>		<b>4,69,86</b>	<b>7,17,22</b>	<b>5,58,00</b>	<b>8,25,00</b>	<b>8,25,00</b>	<b>9,00,00</b>
<b>Total : Operating Activities</b>		<b>4,69,86</b>	<b>7,17,22</b>	<b>5,58,00</b>	<b>8,25,00</b>	<b>8,25,00</b>	<b>9,00,00</b>
<b>Total :</b>		<b>4,69,86</b>	<b>7,17,22</b>	<b>5,58,00</b>	<b>8,25,00</b>	<b>8,25,00</b>	<b>9,00,00</b>

### 6.3 National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)

**6.3.1 Recent Achievements:** Impact of climate change, inclusion of climate change issue in election manifesto, recommendations on several important issues including river erosion displacement and urban slum problems, climate risk insurance, impact of climate change on agricultural and industrial establishments, inclusion of information on climate change in textbooks, deforestation and environmental issues potential for disasters, pollution of Buriganga River and its riparian areas, chemical dumping in residential areas (especially Old Dhaka), A total of 36 exchange meetings with government organisations, non-government organisations and civil society were held through questionnaires from government officials, local government institutions, non-government organisations and representatives of civil society at the field level to improve the human rights situation by increasing public awareness and preventing violence against women and children, 2 exchange meetings with the members of Women and Child Abuse Prevention Committee of Jhenaidah District, 4 public hearings have been organized in Feni, Gopalganj, Mymensingh and Narayanganj districts to determine what to do to prevent violence and rape against women and children. Essay competition on liberation war, freedom and human values was organised and prize distribution to winners, human rights scholarship programme was launched. The image of the Government in the international human rights arena has been enhanced through submission of regular state reports to various UN human rights committees and shadow reports of the Human Rights Commission by the Government.

#### 6.3.2 Activities, Output Indicators and Targets

Activities	Output Indicator	Related Strategic Objectives	Unit	Revised Target	Actual	Target	Revised Target	Medium Term Targets		
				2021-22		2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1. Giving advice or assistance to the Government to repeal laws contrary to fundamental rights and also rendering advice and assistance to frame necessary laws and administrative instructions for protection and development of human rights	Improvement in remedial cases	3	Number	397	396	399	399	399	400	410
2. Conducting research and coordination on international conventions and other legal instruments relating to human rights and the harmony of the laws of Bangladesh	Perform research on international documents	3	Number	70	65	74	74	75	76	77
3. Investigation and disposal of the complaints related to human right	Disposal of complaint	3	%	95	93	98	98	99	99	100
4. Taking steps to educate people on human rights, publication and publicity for enhancing public awareness of human rights protection	Publicity and publication about human rights	3	Number	60	56	65	65	66	67	70

### 6.3.3 Medium Term Expenditure Estimates by Institutional Unit, Schemes and Projects

(Taka in Thousands)

Name of the Institutional Unit/Scheme/ Project	Related Activity	Actual 2021-22	Budget	Revised	Medium Term Expenditure Estimates		
			2022-23		2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>Support Activity</b>							
131004000 - National Human Rights Commission	1-4	8,62,00	12,36,00	11,15,75	12,82,00	13,00,00	13,50,00
<b>Total : Support Activity</b>		<b>8,62,00</b>	<b>12,36,00</b>	<b>11,15,75</b>	<b>12,82,00</b>	<b>13,00,00</b>	<b>13,50,00</b>
<b>Total : Operating Activities</b>		<b>8,62,00</b>	<b>12,36,00</b>	<b>11,15,75</b>	<b>12,82,00</b>	<b>13,00,00</b>	<b>13,50,00</b>
<b>Total :</b>		<b>8,62,00</b>	<b>12,36,00</b>	<b>11,15,75</b>	<b>12,82,00</b>	<b>13,00,00</b>	<b>13,50,00</b>