

Grant No. 20**123 - Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs Division****Medium Term Expenditure**

(Taka in Thousands)

Description	Budget 2024-25	Projection	
		2025-26	2026-27
Operating Expenditure	40,05,10	43,94,10	48,20,10
Development Expenditure	4,50,00	4,94,00	5,42,00
Total	44,55,10	48,88,10	53,62,10
Recurrent	43,01,10	47,16,10	51,31,02
Capital	1,54,00	1,72,00	2,31,08
Financial Asset	0	0	0
Liability	0	0	0
Total	44,55,10	48,88,10	53,62,10

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 Advise all Ministries, Divisions and offices on all legal and constitutional questions arising out of any legislative proposal and on the interpretation of the Constitution and any law including international law related to such proposal;
- 1.2.2 Drafting, scrutinising and providing opinion on all kinds of Bills, Ordinances, Statutory Orders, Rules, Regulations, By Laws and Notifications;
- 1.2.3 Interpretation and recommendation of international treaties, conventions and international legal affairs and matters relating to international arbitration arising from international treaties, contracts, etc;
- 1.2.4 Translation of laws and other Statutory Rules and Orders;
- 1.2.5 Administration of copyright of all laws of the Government;
- 1.2.6 Publication of Acts, Ordinances and other Statutory Orders, Rules and Regulations and publication of other statutory documents and codification, consolidation, adoption and technical amendment of laws and publication of authorized translation of law;
- 1.2.7 Matters relating to Human Rights and the Human Rights Commission, office of Ombudsman, Law Commission and Commission on legal matters and all legislative matters relating to Election Commission; and
- 1.2.8 Assistance and Coordination of matters relating to law reforms.

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"> Updating Bangladesh code and its publication Compilation, updating and publishing all rules and regulations Updating the associated rules of other laws as referential whenever any law is repealed or amended 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secretariat
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Law Commission
2. Improving legal framework for the State	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drafting, scrutinizing and providing opinions on all kinds of bills, ordinances, constitutional orders, statutory orders, rules, regulations, by-laws, resolutions and notifications. Translation of laws enacted in English and Bangla into Bangla and English respectively on a priority basis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secretariat
3. Facilitating protection and development of human rights in the country	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 Conducting research and coordination on international conventions and other legal instruments relating to human rights and the harmony of the laws of Bangladesh Taking steps to educate people on human rights and publication and publicity for enhancing public awareness of human rights protection Investigation and disposal of the complaints relating to human rights 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Human Rights Commission

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 2024-25	Projection	
		2025-26	2026-27
Poverty Reduction	32,81,72	35,75,83	39,13,03
Gender	14,47,35	15,79,38	17,20,93

4.1 Priority Spending Areas/Schemes

Priority Spending Areas/Schemes	Related Strategic Objectives
<p>1. To provide opinions on proposal for enactment/amendment of any new or old law or legal instruments</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"> Improved legal framework for the State
<p>2. Enhancing Capacity of the Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs Division</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 2nd top- priority sector.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved legal framework for the State
<p>3. To update and publish the Bangladesh Code, and to compile and publish rules and regulations</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"> Improved legal framework for the State
<p>4. Translation of laws</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"> Improved legal framework for the State

4.2 Medium Term Expenditure Estimates and Projection (2024-25 to 2026-27)

4.2.1 Expenditure by Department/Agencies/Institutional Units

(Taka in Thousands)

Description	Budget	Revised	Budget	Projection	
	2023-24		2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Secretariat, Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs Division	34,64,00	34,41,88	37,76,63	40,47,10	44,12,10
Law commission	8,25,00	8,24,00	6,78,47	8,41,00	9,50,00
Grand Total :	42,89,00	42,65,88	44,55,10	48,88,10	53,62,10

4.2.2 Expenditure by Economic Group Wise

(Taka in Thousands)

Economic Group	Description	Budget	Revised	Budget	Projection	
		2023-24		2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	Recurrent Expenditure					
3111	Wages and salaries in cash	16,47,02	16,24,07	18,12,97	19,15,25	19,99,50
3211	Administrative expenses	2,04,90	2,49,50	2,85,20	3,08,85	3,10,98
3221	Fees, charges and commissions	1,63	2,03	3,25	3,83	3,00
3231	Training	1,23,00	1,32,00	1,41,00	1,98,00	2,00,00
3243	Petrol, oil and lubricants	92,00	92,00	94,00	1,04,00	1,12,00
3244	Travel and Transfer	83,50	60,00	73,50	1,11,50	1,47,50
3255	Printing and stationery	1,09,00	1,15,00	1,21,88	1,40,50	1,50,50
3256	General supplies and materials	16,00	14,00	10,95	16,00	17,00
3257	Professional services, honorariums and special expenses	2,67,50	1,85,80	3,06,40	3,46,00	4,30,00
3258	Repairs and maintenance	1,09,70	1,15,75	95,33	1,05,00	1,21,04
3631	Current grants	11,67,50	11,56,00	12,23,90	13,84,00	15,37,50
3632	Capital grants	1,14,50	1,73,00	1,26,10	75,00	90,50
3821	Current transfers not elsewhere classified	6,50	6,50	5,00	6,00	6,00
3911	Reserve	51,85	2,83	1,62	2,17	5,50
	Total : - Recurrent Expenditure	39,94,60	39,28,48	43,01,10	47,16,10	51,31,02
	Capital Expenditure					
4111	Buildings and structures	8,50	8,50	6,00	15,00	21,00
4112	Machinery and equipment	2,83,00	3,26,00	1,48,00	1,57,00	2,10,08
	Total : - Capital Expenditure	2,91,50	3,34,50	1,54,00	1,72,00	2,31,08
	Assets					
7215	Loans	2,90	2,90	0	0	0
	Total : - Assets	2,90	2,90	0	0	0
	Grand Total :	42,89,00	42,65,88	44,55,10	48,88,10	53,62,10

5.0 Key Performance Indicator (KPIs)

Indicator	Related Strategic Objectives	Unit	Revised Target	Actual	Target	Revised Target	Medium Term Targets		
			2022-23		2023-24		2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1. Opinions provided on laws, ordinance and rules/regulations									
opinions on laws	2	%	95	93	96	96	97	98	99
opinions on ordinances			97	95	98	91	99	99	100
opinions on rules/regulations			99	96	99	99	100	100	100
2. Recommendation for formulation of new law	1	%	97	96	98	99	99	99	100
3. Publication of law into Bangla & English	2	%	98	97	99	99	100	100	100

Indicator	Related Strategic Objectives	Unit	Revised Target	Actual	Target	Revised Target	Medium Term Targets		
			2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
4. Assistance for remedy on human rights	3	%	99	95	99	99	99	99	100

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 'National Constitution Day' was celebrated with proper dignity and solemnity by the initiative of the Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs Division. 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 3,500 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). 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		
				2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1. Updating Bangladesh Code and its publication	Laws enacted	1	Number	58	47	58	58	60	65	66
2. Compilation, updating and publishing all rules and regulations	Rules and regulations prepared	1		599	620	620	620	650	655	656
3. Updating the associated regulation rules of other laws as referential whenever any law is repealed or amended	Laws suitable for the State	1		710	698	720	720	750	760	770
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		66	59	67	67	68	70	80
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	95	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 2022-23	Budget	Revised	Medium Term Expenditure Estimates		
			2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Operating Activities							
General Activity							
1230101 - Secretariat, Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs Division	1-5	15,35,39	19,51,50	18,32,38	19,46,03	20,63,50	22,11,50
Total : General Activity		15,35,39	19,51,50	18,32,38	19,46,03	20,63,50	22,11,50
Special Activity							
120000801 - Loans to Government Employees	1-5	35	2,90	2,90	0	0	0
127002301 - Asia Pacific Forum (APF)	1-5	2,71	2,60	2,60	2,60	2,60	2,60

Name of the Institutional Unit/Scheme/ Project	Related Activity	Actual 2022-23	Budget	Revised	Medium Term Expenditure Estimates		
			2023-24		2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
127021701 - International criminal Court	1-5	15,61	25,00	25,00	28,00	28,00	28,00
Total : Special Activity		18,67	30,50	30,50	30,60	30,60	30,60
Total : Operating Activities		15,54,06	19,82,00	18,62,88	19,76,63	20,94,10	22,42,10
Development Activities							
Annual Development Program							
224359600 - Strengthening Legislative Capacity and Legal Awareness Building	-	0	2,00,00	2,50,00	4,50,00	4,94,00	5,42,00
Total : Annual Development Program		0	2,00,00	2,50,00	4,50,00	4,94,00	5,42,00
Total : Development Activities		0	2,00,00	2,50,00	4,50,00	4,94,00	5,42,00
Total :		15,54,06	21,82,00	21,12,88	24,26,63	25,88,10	27,84,10

6.2 Law Commission

6.2.1 Recent Achievements: The Transfer of Property Act, 1882, The Supreme Court Judges (Leave, Pension and Privileges) Ordinance, 1982, research report and recommendations regarding its further revision, , General Provident Fund (GPF) special benefits addition, Increasing the scope of the family Pension and family fund of the retired Judges of the Supreme Court, Violence against women Act, 2021, draft 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.

6.2.2 Activities, Output Indicators and Targets

Activities	Output Indicator	Related Strategic Objectives	Unit	Revised Target	Actual	Target	Revised Target	Medium Term Targets		
				2022-23		2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	
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	17	15	18	18	19	20	22

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 2022-23	Budget	Revised	Medium Term Expenditure Estimates		
			2023-24		2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Operating Activities							
General Activity							
1230102 - Law commission	1	4,83,66	8,25,00	8,24,00	6,78,47	8,41,00	9,50,00
Total : General Activity		4,83,66	8,25,00	8,24,00	6,78,47	8,41,00	9,50,00
Total : Operating Activities		4,83,66	8,25,00	8,24,00	6,78,47	8,41,00	9,50,00
Total :		4,83,66	8,25,00	8,24,00	6,78,47	8,41,00	9,50,00

6.3 National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)

6.3.1 Recent Achievements: Complain regarding violence of human rights received 572 from January to December 2023 and amongst them 366 complain has been disposed of properly after completion of hearing. Taka 2,05,000 was recovered as compensation from the persons who were accused of violating the human rights and was distributed the said amount of money to three persons who were the victims of human rights abuse. Last year Commission has arranged meetings, public hearings to different districts and inspected different districts, jail and hospital inspection regarding protection of violating human rights and safeties. The recommendation has sent to the concerned for implementation which found from the said meetings and public hearings etc. Besides, a number of Union of the country has cured from child marriage by taking proper initiatives by the Commission. A bilateral agreement was signed between Qatar Human

Rights Committee and Bangladesh National Human Rights Commission on last 24th August of 2023. The Life standard of the Bangladeshis who are living in Qatar tends to be improved by this agreement.

6.3.2 Activities, Output Indicators and Targets

Activities	Output Indicator	Related Strategic Objectives	Unit	Revised Target	Actual	Target	Revised Target	Medium Term Targets		
				2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27		
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	399	388	399	399	400	410	420
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	74	67	75	75	76	77	78
3. Investigation and disposal of the complaints related to human right	Disposal of complaint	3	98	89	99	99	99	99	100	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	65	55	66	67	67	70	80

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 2022-23	Budget	Revised	Medium Term Expenditure Estimates		
			2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Support Activity							
131004000 - National Human Rights Commission	1-4	10,63,50	12,82,00	13,29,00	13,50,00	14,59,00	16,28,00
Total : Support Activity		10,63,50	12,82,00	13,29,00	13,50,00	14,59,00	16,28,00
Total : Operating Activities		10,63,50	12,82,00	13,29,00	13,50,00	14,59,00	16,28,00
Total :		10,63,50	12,82,00	13,29,00	13,50,00	14,59,00	16,28,00