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Security Services Division

1.0 Introduction

1.1 An advanced security system and stable political situation is one of the driving forces for economic growth and development of a democratic country. Guaranteed standard services in all aspects is essential for expected economic growth. Security Services Division (SSD) has been formed on 19th February 2017 with the vision to create a safe and habitable human environment. The main mission of Security Services Division is elimination of drugs, rehabilitation of prisoners, issuance of MRP and MRV acceptable at home and abroad, fire extinguishment and to ensure rescue operation during disaster. Security Services Division is playing vital role in respect of goals number 3.5 and 16.3.2 among the 17 Sustainable Development Goals. The Security Services Division and its' agencies are giving importance in gender equality and women empowerment for achieving the target of SDG, implementing the Annual Performance Agreement and the working plan of National Integrity Strategy. The Constitution of the People's Republic of Bangladesh is the base for identifying the consciousness of national development and development planning which has ensured the equal right and participation for both men and women in every sphere of national life. Security Services Division and the agencies are working relentlessly to develop the standard of life and the safety of the people by providing superiority services.

2.0 Major Functions of the Ministry

- ❖ Formulation and implementation of laws, rules and policies related to security services;
- ❖ Modernization of the jail management;
- ❖ Implementation of the narcotics control related activities including drugs abuse;
- ❖ Ease the procedure of providing passport, visa and citizenship certificate;
- ❖ Conduct fire service and civil defense activities;
- ❖ Conduct rescue operation at the time of natural and social calamities;
- ❖ Maintain liaison and to contract agreement with the different international organizations and the countries.

3.0 Strategic objectives of the Ministry and their Relevance with Women's Advancement and Rights

- 3.1 **Prevent drug trafficking and protect the economic and commercial interests of the country:** The Security Services Division is strongly determined to eradicate drug in order to protect women from the curse of drug. Women and children are strategically used in drug trafficking. The Security Services Division is playing an effective role to combat it.
- 3.2 **Protect the society from the curse of drug:** Protecting the society from the curse of drug will benefit people regardless of gender, and it will help for the socio-economic development of the country.
- 3.3 **Simplification of public legal movement in home and abroad:** Introduction of a modern passport system will make it easier for people to travel abroad. In this case, it will be easier to create employment abroad for both men and women.
- 3.4 **Safe custody and resettlement of prisoners:** Human rights can be ensured by protecting the prisoners regardless of gender. The Security Services Division is constructing new prisons and implementing corrective actions to ensure human rights.
- 3.5 **Conducting rescue operation during and post-disaster:** It is possible to ensure the safety of women and children by increasing the quality of disaster and post-disaster services.

4.0 Roles and Responsibilities of the Ministry for Women's Advancement and Rights

- 4.1 Government is committed to protect women rights. Security Services Division is always active to implement the commitment of the Government. With a view to ensure women rights Security Services Division and its' all department are working together.
- 4.2 Risk allowances and 100 percent ration have been allocated for all female members working in the Department of Fire Service and Civil Defense, Department of Narcotics Control and Prison Directorate under Security Services Division along with other male colleagues.
- 4.3 For the welfare of women employees, a 'Women Welfare Somity' has been formulated. Loans are provided for different development activities from this 'Somity' to make women self-reliant.
- 4.4 A separate jail has been established at Kashimpur of Gazipur district for female prisoners. For rehabilitating the female prisoners in the society training is being

provided and employment opportunities have been created. In accordance with the promise of Honorable Prime Minister, 50% of the profits from the sales of the goods produced in the jail industry by the prisoners are being provided to all prisoners regardless of male and female.

- 4.5 For the accommodation of female jail warder working in jail, 399 flats are being constructed under the 'Female warder housing project'. 93.96 crore taka has been allocated for this project. The project will be completed by June 2019.
- 4.6 The acceptability of Bangladeshi passport has been increased in abroad for introduction of modern passport system by the Department of Immigration and passport through implementing "Introduction of Machine Readable Passport and Machine Readable Visa in Bangladesh" project. For this reason the immigration of women worker has become easier. The employment opportunities for women has been created in abroad. As a result, women's social status and economic power has been increased. Separate counter has been established at all divisional/regional passport offices for receiving visa and passport application from women. This is why the receiving rate of passport and visa has been increased. The social status of women have been increased for having the arrangement of breast feeding in office for the children which playing a supporting role in women development.

5.0 Priority Spending Areas and Benefits for Women's Advancement

Priority Spending Areas/Programs	Impact on Women Development
1. Construction of fire service station at every upazila in order to reduce the damages of life and property during the natural and social disasters.	Women's security will increase
2. Prevention of drug trafficking, eradication of drugs and treatment of drug addicts.	Society will be free from the curse of drugs
3. Introduction of acceptable passport and visa management in abroad, simplification of passport receipt and development of the immigration system.	Legal movement of women in home and abroad will be easier
4. Jail management in order to make jail as a centre of rehabilitation instead of a centre of punishment.	Safe custody and rehabilitation of women prisoners

6.0 Women's Share in Division's Total Expenditure

(Taka in Crore)

Description	Budget 2019-20			Revised 2018-19			Budget 2018-19			Actual 2017-18		
	Budget	Women Share		Revised	Women Share		Budget	Women Share		Actual	Women Share	
		Women	percent		Women	percent		Women	percent		Women	percent
Total Budget	523190	161247	30.82	442541	136036	30.74	464573	136938	29.48	321861	88441	27.48
Division's Budget	3695	620	16.78	4025	705	17.51	3351	418	12.49	2331	265	11.36
Development	1585	261	16.47	2006	421	21	1251	323	25.77	803	199	24.84
Operating	2110	359	17.01	2019	283	14.04	2099	96	4.57	1528	65	4.27

Source: RCGP database

7.0 Success in Promoting Women's Advancement

7.1 22% of the total employees are women in Security Services Division. Meanwhile, 6 female Jail Superintendents and 21 female Deputy Jailors have been appointed. Female employees have been posted in passport and visa wing at foreign mission of Bangladesh. 399 flats are being constructed under the 'Female warder housing project' for the accommodation of female jail warder. Moreover, female are given preference in the field of new recruitment and training. As a result, both male and female employees are playing a vital role in overall management and decision making process of Security Services Division.

8.0 Recommendations for Future Activities

- ❖ Arrangement of separate prison van or separate compartment in the same van for male and female prisoners at the time of producing them before the court.
- ❖ Introduction of income generating training for the female prisoners as per their capacity so that they can be established in society after imprisonment.
- ❖ Separate and quality washroom will be set up in every floor at each and every offices for ensuring women-friendly working environment.
- ❖ Initiatives will be taken for modernizing 'Day care center' of the secretariat as well as establishing 'Day care center' at all subordinate offices.