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Security Services Division

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 A progressive security system is the pre-requisite for economic development of Bangladesh. Bangladesh has successfully fulfilled all the conditions to exceed the list of the least development countries. In a competitive world, to achieve the expected economic growth and its sustainability, it is necessary to ensure the safety and security of the state. Security Services Division has been formed with a vision of to develop a safe and livable human environment by ensuring security and services throughout the country. 'To enhance the service and dignity of citizen by tackling disaster, Controlling drugs, appropriate jail management and simplifying the sustaining movement of people in abroad to improve the institutional competency'- is the mission statement of Security Services Division(SSD). In addition, the achievable goals are to control narcotics, rehabilitation of prisoners, introducing e-passport system and ensuring fire extinguish & rescue operation during natural and manmade disaster. Putting these goals in front, this Division is going ahead by formulating and implementing the different strategies. According to the commitment of the present political government SSD is performing with a view to ensure the sustainable service for all citizens. To ensure security & services and its effective implementation, the SSD initiates different policies, programmes and projects aligning with the five year plans and perspective plan of the government. All the directorates under SSD perform tasks to achieve the goals of this Division.
- 1.2 Any kind of violence occurred inside or outside contravenes the human rights which has enormous impact in all aspects of women's lives. To reduce the violence towards the women it is essential to take initiative like ensuring equity between Son and Daughter through inspiring them, providing social support, enforcement of legal provisions, developing the mental capabilities as well as ensuring Safety and Self independence of economic development for women. It is necessary to pay importance on women security and providing support along with improving the quality of service. The gender vision of the 7th Five Year Plan is that of establishing "a country where men and women will have equal opportunities and rights and women will be recognized as equal contributors in economic, social and political development". In this aspect our mission is to ensure women's advancement as self-reliant human beings and reduce discriminatory barriers by taking both developmental and institutional measures. To remove the discrimination towards women Bangladesh has signed in international Charter 'Cedaw'. According to the Constitution of Bangladesh Govt. pay a highest importance on ensuring safety in political, social and family life along with administrative and legal empowerment of

women in perspective plan, 7th Five year plan and National development policy, 2011. To achieve SDG's goal (17) within 2030 declared by United Nations Government has taken a vast action plan for implementing these goals. Among the 17 goals goal 3.5.1 of 3 and goal 16.3.2 of 16 are associated with action of security services under SSD which are also interconnected to justice, security, and safety issues of gender. Beside this, according to SDG-5 the above mentioned programmes are included in SDG implementing action plan to ensure gender equity and also empowerment of women and female children. The Constitution, which is the key document by which it gives direction to national consciousness and to national development planning, encourages the equal participation of both men and women in every aspect of national life. Moreover, women and men are equal in the eyes of law and everybody has an equal right to get quality Services. But women face many obstacles both socially and nationally to participate equally with men due to cultural norms wherein the male dominating social and economic discrimination against women. The SSD is very much careful about equal participation of women in the activities under this Division. To fulfill this target security services division are continuously doing their job. As if the benefit of every activities can reach equally to all women.

2.0 Major Functions of the Ministry

- ❖ Formulate and implement security services related laws, rules and policies;
- ❖ Modernization of jail management;
- ❖ Control the abuse of drug and narcotics;
- ❖ Simplification the process related to passport, visa and Providing Citizenship;
- ❖ Manage the affairs arising from the operation of Fire Service and Civil Defense;
- ❖ Provide assistance to rescue operation during natural and social disaster;
- ❖ Maintain liaison and sign agreement with different countries and international organizations.

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

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- 3.2 Control the abuse of drug and narcotics:** If the number of drug addicts can be reduced by strengthening the antinarcotics programme, Families especially women will get rid of poverty & crimes if the number of drug addicts can be reduced.
- 3.3 Simplify the movement of people to abroad:** The acceptability of Bangladeshi passport is increased in world for issuance of modernized passport system. It will be easier for the movement of Women Workers to abroad. As a result, women's employment will be expanded in abroad and this will enhance their social status and financial capabilities.
- 3.4 Safe Custody and Rehabilitation of Prisoners:** With a view to ensuring safe custody and rehabilitation of female prisoners, a separate female prison has been constructed in Kashimpur, Gazipur. Beside this, 90% Construction has been done of Central jail, Keranigonj campus where almost 200 female prisoners can be accommodated. Women, in this jail, are being involved in relevant jobs in order to make them self-reliant. Through education and training they will become aware of their rights which will play a positive role for women's advancement.
- 3.5 Conduct disaster and post disaster rescue operations:** To ensure treatment and to transfer women & children in safety places by developing quality services during and post disaster. Moreover the women awareness will increase for their fire fighting activities. The risk of poverty and disaster will be reduced as the enhancement of their capability to face disaster.
- 4.0 Roles and Responsibilities of the Ministry for Women's Advancement and Rights**
- 4.1** Today, women empowerment is an aspect among the most discussed issues. It is an important component of overall economic and social development. Women development is the key to development for family, society and country. In the light of the National Women Development Policy 2011, the Political, economic, social, and administrative empowerment of women has given highest priority. As a result, Women participation is increasing in different profession which is identified as milestone of Development. Govt. is firmly committed to develop a women friendly working environment and preserving of their rights. Security Services Division always aims to fulfill the commitment of govt. To fulfill that target SSD is working with its subordinate Directorate.
- 4.2** The female members of the Directorate of Fire Service & Civil Defense and Directorate of Prison under SSD have been allocated 100 percent ration allowance. Beside this, risk allowance has been provided to female worker like their male worker in this two department. The inclusion of female members in these agencies is proportionately enhanced every year.

- 4.3 There are total 108 women employee in the directorate of Fire Services and Civil defense. 'Nari Kolyan Somiti' has been formed by combining female employee's and wife of male employee's in this Department. As a result, there are total 5441 members in Nari Kolyan Somiti. The main aim of this somiti is to make them self-reliant and to ensure their overall welfare. Focusing on this aim, loans have been provided to the members of this Somiti. Beside this, in different national days, Celebration related programs, different types of social and cultural function like sports, cake festival, drawing competition are organized for the female members and their children. Fire Service and Civil Defense Department organizes different types of training sessions to provide female awareness about disaster and after disaster rescue operation and fire extinguishing activities.
- 4.4 In Female Central Jail, Kashimpur women are being involved in various vocational training such as sewing, tailoring, embroidery, beautification course, making jute products, block and batic, mashroom cultivation etc. At present in Prison Department there are 616 female officers and staff including 6 Jail Superintendent, 12 Deputy Jailor, 3 Diploma Nurse, 3 Pharmasist, 9 clerical staffs, 25 Metron and 558 Female Jail Warder. Moreover, new posts have been created for 2 Female Asst. Surgeon, 12 Dipoma Nurse, 27 Deputy Jailor and 140 Female Jail Warder. Recently one women prison unit has been formed with the combination of women prison guards. According to the commitment of Hon'ble PM, it is proposed to allot Budget in the FY 2018-19 to provide the Wages of the Prisoners from 50% dividend of Product sold made by them.
- 4.5 For the accommodation of female jail warder a project named "Construction of Residential Quarter for female Warder in different Jails" is going on. For this project 96 crore taka is allocated. Beside this a women prison unit with 200 accommodation is buildup in dhaka central jail, keranigonj campus.
- 4.6 The number of drug addicts will gradually reduce, if antinarcotics Campaign and mass awareness programme can be imposed and proper treatment of drug addicts in accordance with rehabilitation as well as preparing Data-Base. As a result, families especially women will be relief from the curse of poverty and drug related offences.
- 4.7 Passport and Immigration Directorate has been implementing "Introduction of Machine Readable passport (MRP) and Machine Readable Visa (MRV) in Bangladesh" which has improved the acceptability of Bangladeshi passport in abroad. Women workers will benefit by being able to move easily to other countries. This has also given a thrust to increased job opportunities, social status and financial abilities. Beside this there are separate counter for women to deposit application and take passport in all divisional/zonal passport office. As a result the rate of passport distribution increases. The social status for women has improved due to

creation of Separate waiting room, Rest room for women and breast feeding for children in passport office.

5.0 Priority Spending Areas and Benefits for Women's Advancement

Priority Spending Areas/Programmes	Impact on Women development (Direct & Indirect)
1. Improving capability to face fire and other Natural & Manmade disaster	According to the commitment/direction of Hon'able PM, at least one fire service station is establish in each upazilla has been given the first priority. The women of this department acting in different position like community volunteers, sub officer, station officer, wireless operator and nursing attendance as increasing fire service station.
2. Simplify the movement of people to abroad	Introducing the acceptable passport and visa system around the world, the simplification of getting passport and development of the immigration system has been given the second priority. It will be easier for women labour to migrate and their employment, social status and financial capacity will also develop.
3. Control the abuse of drug and narcotics	To control Smuggling, production and use of narcotics has been given the third priority. It is common tactics that women and children are used for drug Smuggling. To reduce the number of drug addicts will help to relief their families especially women from drug related poverty and offence
4. Ensure Safe custody & rehabilitation of prisoners and enhancement the capacity of prisons	A modern prison system has also given priority to build prisons as rehabilitation centre instead of punishment centre. For that reason, female jail has been constructed in the country. Female inmates of these prisons are being engaged in activities to become self-reliant. They will aware of values of life and rights through education and vocational training. This will accelerate women development.

6.0 Women's Share in Ministry's Total Expenditure

(Taka in Crore)

Description	Budget 2018-19			Revised 2017-18			Budget 2017-18		
	Budget	Women Share		Revised	Women Share		Budget	Women Share	
		Women	percent		Women	percent		Women	percent
Total Budget	464574	136938	29.48	371495	86169	23.2	400266	112019	27.99
Ministry Budget	3351	422	12.59	2846	260	9.13	2883	422	14.64
Development	1251	325	25.94	905	185	20.41	994	368	37.02
Operating	2099	97	4.63	1941	75	3.86	1889	54	2.86

Source: RCGP database

7.0 Success in Promoting Women's Advancement

- 7.1 Among the total officials 17.6 percent are female in the SSD, which includes one Joint Secretary, Four Deputy Secretary and two Senior Assistant Secretary. The Division constantly takes initiatives to provide standard services. In these initiatives women officials are playing important role in decision making and implementation processes as well as they are directly involved in its implementation.
- 7.2 SSD has taken the lead on the issue of women's leadership. In the meantime 6 women Jail Superintendent and 12 women Deputy Jailors have been posted for the first time in the country. Moreover, women members of this Division are getting priority in the training program and more women are being recruited under new recruitment program. As a result, in overall management and decision making process of SSD women officers and employees are playing vital role beside the male officers.
- 7.3 Among the total employees 31.58 percent are female in SSD. To buildup digital Bangladesh women employee are participating in all training programme and maintain responsibilities with their efficiency by achieving experience from that training programme. As female officials are posted at passport and visa wing in Bangladesh foreign mission, our countries recognition has been increased for their efficiency in abroad.
- 7.4 The women workers are performing successfully like male worker at the project implemented by Ministry. The opportunity of employment has created for the female labour by implemented projects which plays an important role in socio-economic development of the country.
- 7.5 Male and female prisoners are being transported to court in same prison van where there is no separate chamber for female prisoner. To solve this problem Prison Department has purchased 02 modern prison van consisting of several chamber in kashimpur central jail. Initiative will be taken to increase the number of such prison van. As a result, the female prisoner are relief from attitudinal harassment.

7.6 A Separate women prison has established through modernization and reformed of jail code. Female inmates of this prison are being engaged in activities to become self-reliant. So that they can settle their life in society according to their capabilities after completing imprisonment. According to the commitment of Hon'ble PM, in the mean time the Finance Division has approved to provide the wages to the Prisoners from 50% dividend of the income of their Product sold. After imprisonment the female prisoners can ensure their financial safety by engaging income generating activities through achieving money and training.

7.7 Day care center are introduced in Eight Central jails for children of female prisoners.

7.8 **Success History**

Mrs. Fatema akhter diba, the female Community Volunteer of Fire Service and Civil Defense department. She achieved special efficiency from training of Fire Service and Civil Defense department. She participates Voluntarily at any disaster in Dhaka city. She successfully enact in Collapse of Rana plaza and also in rescue operation to control the fire in horrible calamity in Bashundara city. As a female worker, her kind of goodwill inspires other volunteers. Then female volunteers become more attentive and courageous in training. Till now the 7100 female Volunteers trained from Fire Service and Civil Defense department. They are playing a significant role in rescue operation at different disaster acting as

8.0 Recommendations for Future Activities

- ❖ Take an initiative to increase the number of prison van consisting separate chambers for being transported of male and female prisoner to the court and introducing the Day Care center in every jail around the country.
- ❖ Female jail Warder's Barrak will be built in every prison. 4.50% of the budget of prison department is allotted for the development and welfare of women.
- ❖ All service delivery agencies including passport offices should establish minimum one complain center, which is operated by women officials/employees, where women applicants get priority to submit their complain and get services.
- ❖ To establish separate drug treatment centers for drug addict women and can take initiatives to rehabilitate those drug addicted and drug paddler women in the society by providing Vocational or Technical Training.
- ❖ One day-care center will be set-up in the Head office of Narcotics control Department in Dhaka for children of female officials and staffs.
- ❖ To accelerate the women participation in implementing the SDG's.