**Grant No. 20**

**123 - Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs Division**

**Medium Term Expenditure**

(Taka in Thousands)

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Description** | **Budget**  **2020-21** | **Projection** | |
| **2021-22** | **2022-23** |
| Operating Expenditure |  |  |  |
| Development Expenditure |  |  |  |
| **Total** |  |  |  |
|  | | | |
| Recurrent |  |  |  |
| Capital |  |  |  |
| Financial Asset |  |  |  |
| Liability |  |  |  |
| **Total** |  |  |  |

**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. 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;
    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
    3. Translation of laws and other statutory rules and orders;
    4. Performing administrative responsibility related to copyright of laws and publication of law by the government;
    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;
    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;
    7. Coordination of all matters relating to legal reforms;
    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. | * 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 | * Secretariat |
| * 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 | * Law Commission |
| * Translation of laws enacted in English and Bangla into Bangla and English respectively on a priority basis | * Secretariat |
| 1. Improving legal framework for the State | * Drafting, scrutinizing and providing opinions on all kinds of Bills, Ordinances, Constitutional Orders, statutory orders, rules, regulations, international treaties, agreements, etc. | * Secretariat |
| 1. Facilitating protection and development of human rights in the country | * 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 | * 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:** Althoughlegal 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**  **2020-21** | **Projection** | |
| **2021-22** | **2022-23** |
| Poverty Reduction |  |  |  |
| Gender |  |  |  |

**4.1 Priority Spending Areas/Schemes**

| **Priority Spending Areas/Schemes** | **Related Strategic Objectives** |
| --- | --- |
| 1. **To provide opinions on proposal for enactment/amendment of any new or old law or legal instruments**  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. | * Improved legal framework for the State |
| 2. **Enhancing Capacity of the Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs Division**  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. | * Improved legal framework for the State |
| **3.** **To update and publish the Bangladesh Code, and to compile and publish rules and regulations**  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. | * Improved legal framework for the State |
| **4. Translation of laws**  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. | * Improved legal framework for the State |

**4.2 Medium Term Expenditure Estimates and Projection (2020-21 to 2022-23)**

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

(Taka in Thousands)

| **Description** | **Budget** | **Revised** | **Budget**  **2020-21** | **Projection** | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **2019-20** | | **2021-22** | **2022-23** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

**4.2.2 Expenditure by Economic Group Wise**

(Taka in Thousands)

| **Economic**  **Group** | **Description** | **Budget** | **Revised** | **Budget**  **2020-21** | **Projection** | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **2019-20** | | **2021-22** | **2022-23** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**5.0 Key Performance Indicator (KPIs)**

| **Indicator** | **Related Strategic Objectives** | **Unit** | **Revised**  **Target** | **Actual** | **Target** | **Revised Target** | **Medium Term Targets** | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **2018-19** | | **2019-20** | | **2020-21** | **2021-22** | **2022-23** |
| **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** | **6** | **7** | **8** | **9** | **10** |
| 1. Opinions provided on laws, ordinance and rules/regulations |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| opinions on laws | 2 | % | 94 |  | 95 |  | 95 | 95 |  |
| opinions on ordinances | 95 |  | 96 |  | 97 | 97 |  |
| opinions on rules/regulations | 94 |  | 95 |  | 99 | 99 |  |
| 1. Recommendation for formulation of new law | 1 | % | 96 |  | 97 |  | 97 | 97 |  |
| 1. Publication of law into Bangla & English | 1 | % | 96 |  | 97 |  | 98 | 98 |  |
| 1. Training on violation of human rights | 3 | Number | 97 |  | 97 |  | 99 | 99 |  |
| 1. Assistance for remedy | 3 | % | 98 |  | 98 |  | 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**: Over the last three years around 2,570 vetting have been completed. All laws have been updated and put on the website ([www.legislativediv.gov.bd](http://www.legislativediv.gov.bd)) of this Division so as to materialize the Vision-2021 and the Perspective of Digital Bangladesh. As a result, people now have easy access to laws and are aware of the latest status of the law. In order to bring back the great spirit of liberation war, the Constitution has been printed in accordance with the directives given in the 5th amendment by the honb’le Supreme Court.

**6.1.2 Activities, Output Indicators and Targets**

| **Activities** | **Output Indicator** | **Related Strategic Objectives** | **Unit** | **Revised Target** | **Actual** | **Target** | **Revised Target** | **Medium Term Targets** | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **2018-19** | | **2019-20** | | **2020-21** | **2021-22** | **2022-23** |
| **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** | **6** | **7** | **8** | **9** | **10** | **11** |
| 1. Updating Bangladesh Code and its publication | Laws enacted | 1 | Number | 48 |  | 50 |  | 52 | 54 |  |
| 1. Compilation , updating and publishing all rules and regulations | Rules and regulations  prepared | 1 | 525 |  | 596 |  | 596 | 597 |  |
| 1. Updating the associated regulation rules of other laws as referential whenever any law is repealed or amended | Laws suitable for the State | 1 | 680 |  | 685 |  | 690 | 700 |  |
| 1. Translation of laws enacted in English and Bangla into Bangla and English respectively on a priority basis | Laws translated for national and international areas | 1 | 50 |  | 55 |  | 60 | 65 |  |
| 1. 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 |  | 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**  **2018-19** | **Budget** | **Revised** | **Medium Term Expenditure Estimates** | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **2019-20** | | **2020-21** | **2021-22** | **2022-23** |
| **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** | **6** | **7** | **8** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**6.2 Law Commission**

**6.2.1 Recent Achievements**: The Commission has recommended fresh enactment of some laws and some reforms regarding laws and regulations to the Government. Out of the recommendations, mentionable important report on the implementation of Alternative Dispute Resolution in the context of Bangladesh, a report on the proposed amendments of certain sections of the Nari O Sisu Nirjatonn Daman Ain ,2000,opinion on the Artha Reen Adalat amended in 2009 to update the Code of Criminal Procedure and recommendations to dispose of criminal cases promptly.

**6.2.2 Activities, Output Indicators and Targets**

| **Activities** | **Output Indicator** | **Related Strategic Objectives** | **Unit** | **Revised Target** | **Actual** | **Target** | **Revised Target** | **Medium Term Targets** | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **2018-19** | | **2019-20** | | **2020-21** | **2021-22** | **2022-23** |
| **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 | 13 |  | 14 |  | 15 | 16 |  |

**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**  **2018-19** | **Budget** | **Revised** | **Medium Term Expenditure Estimates** | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **2019-20** | | **2020-21** | **2021-22** | **2022-23** |
| **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** | **6** | **7** | **8** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**6.3 National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)**

**6.3.1 Recent Achievements**: The Office of the National Human Rights Commission has been transferred in the Government owned building named BTMC, Karowan bazaar. Based on the spirit of SDG, personnel’s have been appointed in the Commission from the disadvantaged group especially from the persons having physical and mental disability and from the third gender, which has been appreciated by different countries. As a result the image of the Government has been brightened globally. For reaching the service at the door step of the people regarding violation of human rights, the National Human Rights Commission has opened a call center and hotline number, 16108 which is open for 24 hours and calls are recorded if call is made after or before the office hours. To encourage the autistic children the National Human Rights Commission has established an art gallery in the head office named “SHEIKH RASEL ART GALLERY” where the exhibition of the pictures drawn by autistic children is being held. In the last three years, a total of 1083 complaints have been disposed off out of 2059, rest 976 are in process.

**6.3.2 Activities, Output Indicators and Targets**

| **Activities** | **Output Indicator** | **Related Strategic Objectives** | **Unit** | **Revised Target** | **Actual** | **Target** | **Revised Target** | **Medium Term Targets** | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **2018-19** | | **2019-20** | | **2020-21** | **2021-22** | **2022-23** |
| **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 | 390 |  | 395 |  | 395 | 395 |  |
| 1. 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 | 55 |  | 60 |  | 65 | 70 |  |
| 1. Investigation and disposal of the complaints related to human right | Disposal of complaint | 3 | % | 95 |  | 96 |  | 97 | 98 |  |
| 1. 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 | 50 |  | 55 |  | 60 | 60 |  |

**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**  **2018-19** | **Budget** | **Revised** | **Medium Term Expenditure Estimates** | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **2019-20** | | **2020-21** | **2021-22** | **2022-23** |
| **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** | **6** | **7** | **8** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |