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Message from High Commissioner

Bangladesh is India's most important trading partner in South Asia. Our trade and commercial ties have seen tremendous growth over the last few years with bilateral trade having grown by over three times to USD 9.5 billion in 2017-18 from USD 3.11 billion in 2008-09. There is great interest from the private sectors of the two countries to invest and set up joint ventures in each others' country, and several leading Indian companies have already invested in Bangladesh.

Governments of India and Bangladesh are also committed to create an enabling environment for further promoting growth of bilateral commercial ties. Both Governments are working on improving cross-border connectivity by facilitating road, rail, waterways and airways transportation. Emphasis is also being laid on improving trade and immigration infrastructure at our borders to facilitate easier flow of goods and people.

In this context, we have come out with the revised edition of brochure providing answers to questions normally posed by Indian businesses seeking to understand the economic climate in Bangladesh, our bilateral engagement, connectivity and institutional framework for facilitating trade and investment. I am hopeful that this will be useful for the Indian business community.

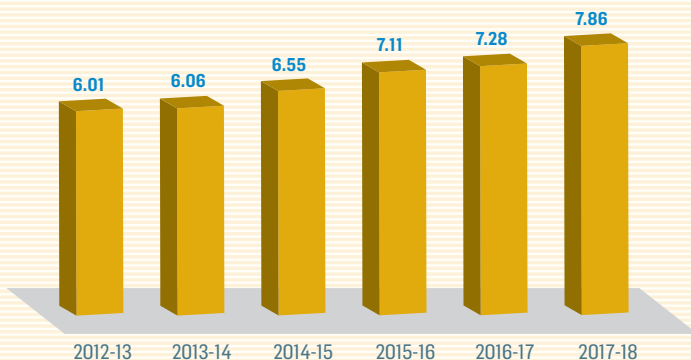
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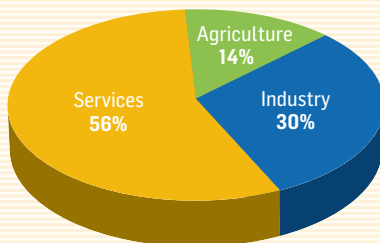
01. What are the salient features of Bangladesh economy?

Economic growth in Bangladesh in the last decade has been impressive with the country registering an average GDP growth of over 6% per annum. Bangladesh economy grew at 7.11% in 2015-16, at 7.28% in 2016-17 and at 7.86% in 2017-18 (financial year from July to June). Bangladesh's GDP in 2017-18 stood at US\$ 274.52 billion. The per capita income also grew to US\$ 1,751 in 2017-18 from US\$ 1,610 in 2016-17. According to a report published by PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), Bangladesh is expected to be amongst the three fastest growing economies in the period up to 2050 averaging growth of around 5% a year.

Economic Growth in Bangladesh (%)



Sectoral Share of GDP, 2017-18



Bangladesh has also moved forward on social and human development fronts. In March 2018, Bangladesh for the first time met all three criteria (minimum gross national income of US\$ 1230, minimum human assets index of 66 and economic vulnerability index below 32) for graduating from the LDC status. Bangladesh is expected to graduate from the LDC status in 2024.

Industrial sector in Bangladesh is dominated by the Readymade Garments (RMG) industry. Other important sectors include pharmaceutical, agro-processing, leather goods, shipbuilding, construction, ICT, jute goods, and ceramic products.

With sustained economic growth and an expanding middle class, Bangladesh presents great opportunities for both trade and investment.

Bangladesh: Basic Information

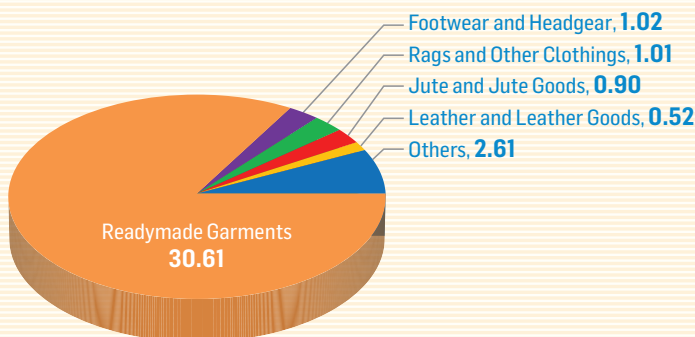
Area	1,47,570 square km
Capital	Dhaka
Population	163.65 million
Administrative Units	8 Division 64 Districts 491 <i>Upazilas</i> (Sub-districts)
Major cities	Dhaka, Chittagong, Sylhet, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal, Rangpur
Financial Year	July – June
Currency	Taka (Tk. Or BDT, Symbol = ৳) US \$ 1.00 = Tk. 83.95 (As on 10 February 2019) INR 1.00 = Tk. 1.17 (As on 10 February 2019)
Inflation (December 2018)	5.54%
GDP (2017-2018)	US \$ 274.52 billion
GDP Growth (2017-2018)	7.86%
GDP Per Capita (2017-2018)	US \$ 1,675
GNI Per Capita (2017-2018)	US \$ 1,751
Industrial Growth (2017-2018)	12.06%
Net Foreign Direct Investment (2017-2018)	US \$ 2.58 billion
Total Exports (2017-18)	US \$ 36.67 billion
Total Imports (2017-18)	US \$ 58.87 billion
Foreign Exchange Reserve (January 2019)	US \$ 31.27 billion
Remittances (2017-2018)	US\$ 14.98 billion
Standard Time	IST +30 minutes

(Source: Bangladesh Bank, Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics, Bangladesh National Portal)

02. What are the principal export destinations and main products exported by Bangladesh worldwide?

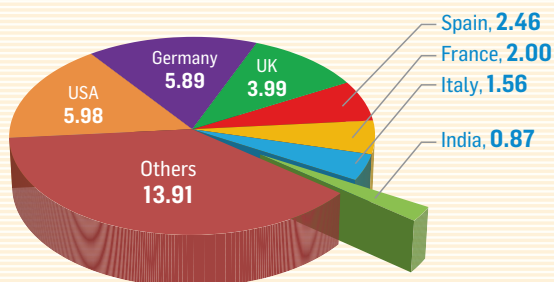
Bangladesh's total exports in 2017-18 stood at US\$ 36.67 billion. Exports are dominated by the RMG sector which contributes over 80% of the total exports. Other major items exported by Bangladesh include leather and leather goods, frozen food, jute and jute products etc. Bangladesh's principal export destinations include: United States, Germany, United Kingdom, Spain, France, Italy, Netherlands, Japan, Canada and Poland.

Bangladesh's Top Exports, 2017-18 (US\$ billion)



(Source: Export Promotion Bureau, Bangladesh)

Bangladesh's Main Export Destinations, 2017-18 (US\$ billion)

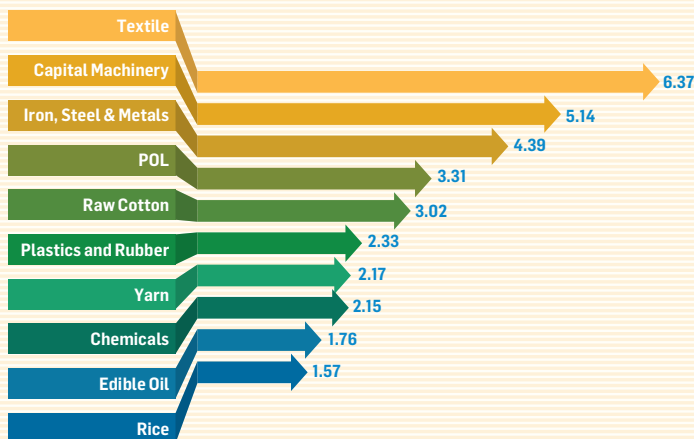


(Source: Export Promotion Bureau, Bangladesh)

03. What are the principal sources of imports and main products imported by Bangladesh?

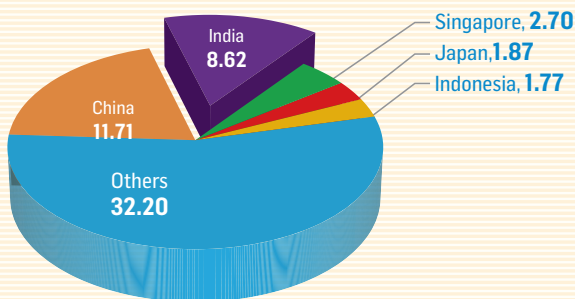
Bangladesh's total imports in 2017-18 were US\$ 58.87 billion. Major items imported by Bangladesh include capital machinery and goods, textile and articles, iron, steel & other base metals, petroleum, raw cotton and yarn, chemicals, plastics, edible oil, rice etc. Bangladesh's principal sources of import include China, India, Singapore, Japan, Indonesia, USA, Brazil, Malaysia, Republic of Korea and Thailand.

Bangladesh's Top Imports, 2017- 2018 (US\$ billion)



(Source: Bangladesh Bank)

Bangladesh Main Sources of Import, 2017-18 (US\$ billion)



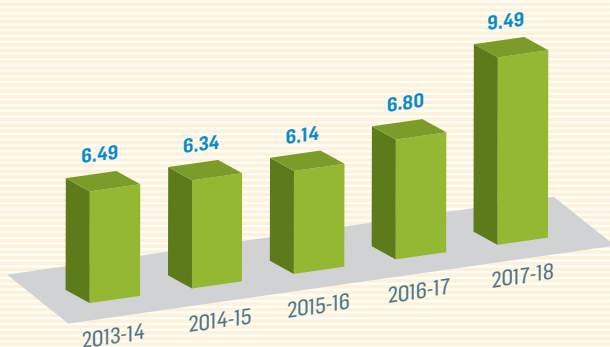
(Source: Bangladesh Bank)

04. What is the state of India-Bangladesh trade and commercial relations?

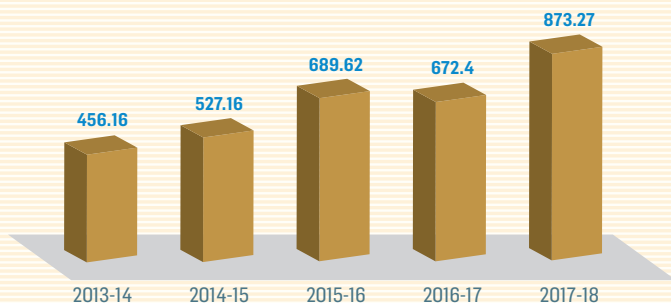
Bangladesh is India's biggest trading partner and destination for Indian exports in South Asia. India is also the second largest source of imports for Bangladesh.

Since 2011, India has granted full market access to Bangladesh which has resulted in a sustained increase in Bangladesh exports to India, particularly the export of readymade garments (RMG). Bangladesh's garment exports to India increased to US\$ 278.68 million in the year July 2017-June 2018 from just US\$ 55 million in July 2011-June 2012. RMG export to India in July 2017-June 2018 increased by 114.68% compared with the same period previous year.

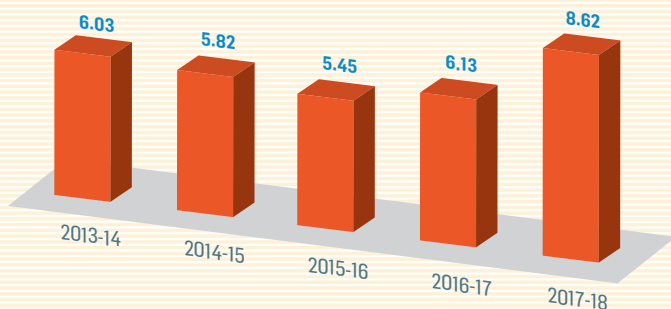
Total Bilateral Trade (US\$ billion)



Bangladesh's Exports to India (US\$ million)



Bangladesh's Imports from India (US\$ billion)



(Source: Bangladesh Bank, Export Promotion Bureau, Bangladesh)

Several Indian companies have also invested in Bangladesh across a wide range of sectors. These include Marico, Emami, Dabur, Asian Paints, Pidilite, Godrej, Sun Pharma, Tata Motors, Hero MotoCorp etc.

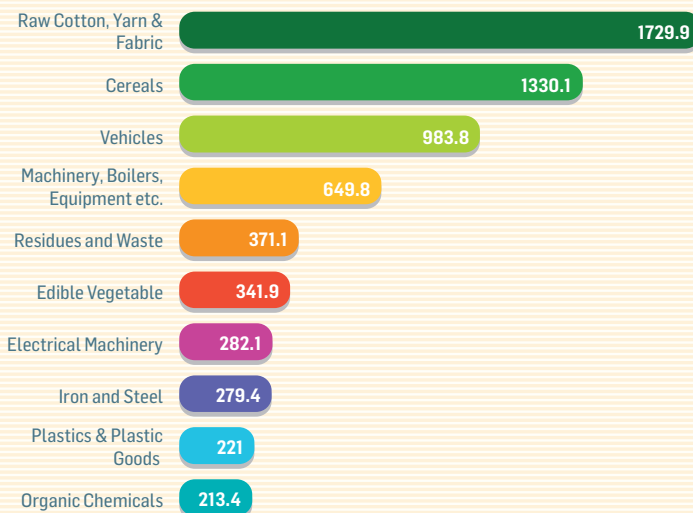
Three economic zones meant for exclusively Indian investments in Bangladesh (in Mirsarai, Bheramara and

Mongla) are also in the pipeline. These will further facilitate Indian investments in Bangladesh.

Proposals for outward investment from Bangladesh to India are subject to approval by Bangladesh Bank and the concerned Ministry/Department in India.

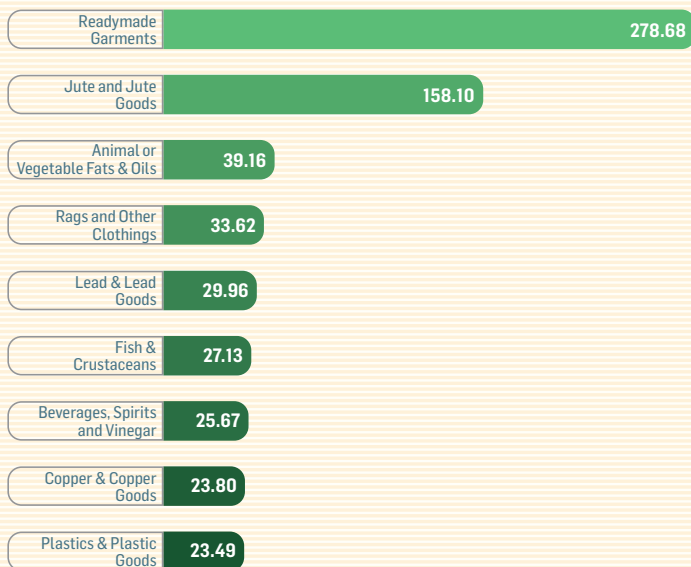


05. What are the top ten products exported by India to Bangladesh?



(Source: Bangladesh Bank)

06. What are the top ten products imported by India from Bangladesh?



(Source: Export Promotion Bureau, Bangladesh)

07. Where can one access information on Bangladesh's global imports and exports of different products?

Import Data: The Bangladesh Bank (central Bank of Bangladesh) has made available detailed data on country-wise imports of different products by Bangladesh from 2002-03 onwards. From 2012-13, this data is available for four digit



level HS Codes. This can be accessed from the 'Publications' section of the website of the Bangladesh Bank: <https://bb.org.bd>.

Same data (last retrieved in February 2019) has also been uploaded on the 'Trade & Investment' section of the website of the High Commission of India, Dhaka: www.hcidhaka.gov.in


Export Data: Export Promotion Bureau, Bangladesh publishes detailed data on Bangladesh's global exports on its website: <http://epb.portal.gov.bd/>. Same data has also been uploaded on the 'Trade & Investment' section of the website of the High Commission of India, Dhaka.

08. Where can one get information on international tenders issued by Government of Bangladesh?

Details of international tenders issued by Government of Bangladesh can be seen on our website ('Tenders' section) as well as on the Indian Trade Portal (<http://indiantradeportal.in/>) of the Federation of Indian Export Organizations (FIEO). Indian companies are also advised to keep track of tenders for projects covered under Indian Lines of Credit to Bangladesh.

09. What is the tariff regime for imports into Bangladesh?

Customs wing of the National Board of Revenue (NBR), Bangladesh deals with collection of duties and taxes at the



import stage. Besides customs duty, the final duty/tariff applicable on a particular product includes supplementary duty, regulatory duty, value added tax and advance income tax.

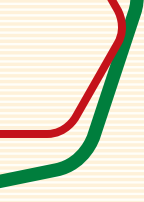
NBR publishes the customs tariff schedule at the beginning of every financial year which can be accessed on its website (<http://nbr.gov.bd/>; listed under the budget section). The website also contains different Statutory Regulator Orders issued by NBR from time to time on customs and taxation related issues.

In addition, detailed information on tariffs, preferential tariffs including under SAFTA and SAPTA, procedures for export and import including customs clearance etc. applicable in Bangladesh can also be accessed on following portals run by the NBR and Bangladesh Ministry of Commerce:

- Bangladesh Customs Portal: www.bangladeshcustoms.gov.bd
- Bangladesh Trade Portal: www.bangladeshtradeportal.gov.bd

10. What duty benefits are available for trade between India and Bangladesh?

Bilateral Trade Agreement: India and Bangladesh have a bilateral trade agreement, which was last renewed in 2015 for a period of five years. The agreement does not prescribe any preferential tariffs for the imports of products into the other



country, and is only a facilitative mechanism for enhancement of bilateral trade.

Regional Trading Agreements: Tariffs for trade between India and Bangladesh are governed by various regional trading agreements. Both countries are members of the Agreement on South Asian Free Trade Area (SAFTA), SAARC Preferential Trading Arrangement (SAPTA) and Asia Pacific Trade Agreement (APTA). Under these Agreements, preferential access is provided to products of member countries.

SAFTA: Most important of these is SAFTA under which India has provided duty free access to Bangladesh as a Least Developed Country (LDC) for all tariff lines except the 25 lines related to liquor and tobacco. Bangladesh has also granted duty concessions to India under APTA, SAPTA and SAFTA. Under SAFTA, Bangladesh has provided concessions to Indian exports on all products except 993 items which are under its Sensitive List. If product of your interest falls into the sensitive list of Bangladesh, it is not eligible for preferential duty under SAFTA.

More information on duty concessions can be accessed from:

- The website of Secretariat of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC): www.saarcsec.org
- 'Trade & Investment' section of the website of High Commission of India, Dhaka (latest sensitive list



of Bangladesh under SAFTA for India and rates of applicable customs duty under SAFTA)

11. What requirements related to documentation and procedure need to be met for imports into Bangladesh?

Important documents required include letter of credit authorization form along with insurance copy, a bill of lading/airway bill/truck challan, commercial invoice/packing list, certificate of origin, general manifesto etc. For certain items, additional certifications (for example phytosanitary etc.) may be required. Going through Import Policy Order (available for 2015-18 at the time of publishing this brochure) for rules governing imports into Bangladesh is also recommended. It can be accessed on the website of the National Board of Revenue.

12. What other mechanisms and infrastructure are in place for facilitating trade and investment between India and Bangladesh?

Apart from the bilateral trade agreement and different regional trading agreements including SAFTA, the details of the other institutional mechanisms to facilitate bilateral trade and investments are as below:




Agreement on Promotion and Protection of Investments:

India and Bangladesh have an agreement on promotion and protection of investments which has been in force since 2011. Joint Interpretative Notes to the agreement were signed in October 2017.

Border Infrastructure for Trade: There are 34 functional Land Customs Stations (LCSs) and 2 Integrated Check Posts (ICPs) on the India-Bangladesh border through which movement of cargo by roads takes place. Two ICPs at Agartala and Petrapole, with state-of-the-art infrastructure for movement of cargo are at Agartala and Petrapole. Around 37% of India's trade with Bangladesh passes through the Petrapole (India) – Benapole (Bangladesh) land border. Government of India also plans to upgrade 8 more of the existing LCSs into ICPs to boost bilateral trade and commerce. The next LCS to be upgraded is Dawki in Meghalaya where work has started. List of functional ICPs and LCSs is at Annexure I.

Protocol on Inland Water Trade and Transit (PIWTT):

Inland waterways between India and Bangladesh can also be used for movement of cargo. This is facilitated under the Protocol on Inland Waterways Trade and Transit (PIWTT) which allows movement of goods over barges/vessels through the river systems of Bangladesh on eight specific routes between points in India and Bangladesh, and between points in India through Bangladesh. The PIWTT also allows



for transshipment of goods to India's northeastern routes through the Ashuganj River Port (and from there to Akhuara-Agartala by road) in Bangladesh. The first transshipment under this arrangement commenced in June 2016. In order to strengthen the infrastructure and facilitate movement of goods through the waterways, India is also partnering with Bangladesh for establishing an Inland Container Port (ICP) at Ashuganj, and in widening the existing road between Akhaura Land Port and Ashuganj four lanes. These two projects are being implemented under the second Line of Credit of US\$ 2 billion from India to Bangladesh.

Dredging of Inland Waterways: India and Bangladesh are also jointly funding (in 80:20 ratio) dredging of Sirajganj-Daikhowa stretch of the Jamuna river and Ashuganj-Zakiganj stretch of the Kushiara river in Bangladesh. This project will help improve navigability of Protocol routes in Bangladesh and also help facilitate seamless connectivity which will enable round the year waterways connectivity between Assam and the rest of India through Bangladesh

Coastal Shipping Agreement: India and Bangladesh have a Coastal Shipping Agreement signed in June 2015. This allows for direct sea movement of containerized/bulk/dry cargo between the two countries. It has the potential to decongest roads and Land Custom Stations through which most of the trade is taking place now.



Agreement on the Use of Chittagong and Mongla Ports for Transfer of Goods to and from India: Agreement on the use of Chittagong and Mongla ports for transfer of goods to and from India was signed in October 2018. The agreement is expected to be operationalized shortly.

13. Which are the major business chambers and associations in Bangladesh?

Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FBCCI) is the apex business chamber of Bangladesh, to which other chambers and associations are affiliated.

There are also sector specific and regional Chambers of Commerce and Associations in Bangladesh. List of all Bangladesh Chambers and Associations affiliated to FBCCI can be seen on its website: <http://www.fbcci-bd.org/>.

Other important Chambers include the India Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce & Industry, which has as its members Indian companies operating in Bangladesh and Bangladesh companies having business with India; the Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce & Industry; the Dhaka Chamber of Commerce & Industry; and the Chittagong Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

14. How is the connectivity between India and Bangladesh?

Bus services on Kolkata-Dhaka, Agartala-Dhaka, Kolkata-



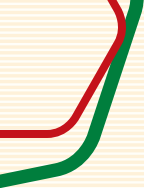
Agartala, Guwahati-Shillong-Dhaka and Kolkata-Khulna routes are operational.

The pre-1965 railway links between the two countries are also being revived. Four of the erstwhile six rail links are already operational. The remaining two links are also under consideration for revival. A new rail link between Akhaura (Bangladesh) and Agartala (India) is being developed to connect Tripura and Bangladesh. There are two passenger train services running between India and Bangladesh:

- The Maitree Express between Kolkata and Dhaka which now has end-to-end immigration and customs;
- The Bandhan Express between Kolkata and Khulna.

There are presently around 100 flights operating weekly between India and Bangladesh connecting various Indian cities like New Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai and Chennai to Dhaka and Chittagong. Air India, Jet Airways, Spice Jet, Indigo, Biman Bangladesh, Novo Air, US-Bangla and Regent Air are operating regular services.

India and Bangladesh are also signatories to the "Motor Vehicles Agreement for the Regulation of Passenger, Personal, and Cargo Vehicular Traffic between Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and Nepal (BBIN)". Under the BBIN Motor Vehicles Agreement, the trial run of a cargo truck between Dhaka and Delhi was completed successfully in September 2016. A trial run for passenger service on the Dhaka-Siliguri-Nepal route was also conducted in April 2018.



The two countries also have an MoU to run cruise and passenger services on routes covered under the Protocol on Inland Water Trade and Transit and the Coastal Shipping Agreement. Cruise operators from both countries are in the process of launching services under this framework.


See the map at the end of this brochure for more details on connectivity between India and Bangladesh.

15. Where can one get information on how to invest in Bangladesh?

Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA), operating under Prime Minister's Office, may be approached for getting information and advice on investing and setting up operations in Bangladesh. Their website (<http://bida.gov.bd/>) provides detailed information on investment opportunities, incentives etc. offered by the country and also the procedure for setting up a business.

Investment proposals under Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA), Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority (BEZA), private Export Processing Zones, Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation, and hi-tech parks are outside BIDA's purview.

BEPZA is responsible for facilitating foreign and local investment in the Export Processing Zones (EPZs) of Bangladesh. Currently BEPZA is operating eight EPZs in



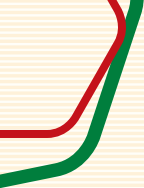
Chattogram, Adamjee, Karnaphuli, Dhaka, Comilla, Ishwardi, Mongla and Uttara. For more information, please visit: <http://epzbangladesh.org.bd>.

BEZA, set up in 2010 under the Prime Minister's Office, oversees the establishment of Economic Zones (EZs) in Bangladesh. BEZA has set up a target of setting up 100 EZs in the country. Broadly BEZA is following three modes of development of EZs in Bangladesh: (i) Public Private Partnership (PPP); (ii) Private EZs; and (iii) G2G EZs.

Mongla and Mirsharai EZs are being developed by private developers under PPP model. Licenses have also been issued to several private developers for development of private EZs. Also, countries including India are working with BEZA on development of G2G EZs in Bangladesh. As mentioned earlier, Mongla, Bheramara and Mirsarai have been identified as potential sites for development of Indian Economic Zones (IEZs) reserved exclusively for investments by Indian companies. Website of BEZA has detailed information on sites of EZs mentioned above, incentives available to the developers and investors/EZ users and services extended by BEZA. Please visit: <http://www.beza.gov.bd/>.

16. How is the banking and financial sector in Bangladesh?

Bangladesh Bank is the Central Bank which regulates the



financial sector. There are currently **59** scheduled banks in Bangladesh operating under the supervision of Bangladesh Bank. Of these :

- 6** are State Owned Commercial Banks;
- 3** Specialized Banks (set up for specific objectives);
- 33** Private Commercial Banks;
- 8** Islamic Shariah based Banks; and
- 9** Foreign Commercial Banks.

From India, State Bank of India, Axis Bank (representative office), ICICI (representative office) and United Bank of India (representative office) are operating in Bangladesh.

Bangladesh has two stock exchanges at Dhaka and Chittagong which are regulated by Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission.

17. How is the industrial/business infrastructure in Bangladesh?

Power and Energy: Installed power generation capacity (as on October 2018) in Bangladesh stands at 20,430 MW (including the captive power generation capacity). India is also supplying 1160 MW of electricity to Bangladesh. The Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB) is the statutory body responsible for majority of the power generation and distribution across the country. Government intends to generate 24,000MW



electricity by 2021, 40,000MW by 2030 and 60,000MW by 2041.

Presently natural gas forms the backbone of Bangladesh's power sector contributing over half to the installed power generation capacity. However, with domestic gas production declining (according to Petrobangla, the state owned oil & gas company, Bangladesh has 27 gas fields with remaining gas reserves of approximately 12 trillion cubic feet), the country plans to increase imports of liquefied natural gas as well as employ nuclear power and renewable energy to meet domestic demand. Bangladesh may also have untapped gas reserves in offshore blocks in the Bay of Bengal. ONGC Videsh Limited from India is currently carrying out exploration activities in two of the offshore blocks.

Sea Ports: Chittagong, the second largest economic and financial city of Bangladesh after Dhaka, is also the home to its major seaport which handles over 90% of Bangladesh's cargo. Mongla is another operational port in western Bangladesh. Government is also developing a third seaport at Payra.

Airports: Bangladesh has three international (Dhaka, Chittagong, and Sylhet) and five operational domestic Airports which offer regular flights between major cities within Bangladesh as well as cities in other countries. Dhaka International Airport is the largest Airport in Bangladesh. To cater to the increasing traffic, Government of Bangladesh is planning to expand and develop associated infrastructure




of Dhaka International Airport and other Airports in the country, and to also set up a new international Airport named 'Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib International Airport'.

Roads and Railways: Network of major roads (under the control of Roads and Highways Department) extends to over 20,000 km of which national highways constitute around 4,000 km. Government of Bangladesh is undertaking several projects to improve the road network. Dhaka-Chittagong Highway, the most important highway with its substantial contribution to the overall connectivity and industrial linkages in the country, has been widened to four lanes and is expected to be further widened to six lanes.

Bangladesh has around 3000 km of railroads. Railway network is divided into two zones: East and West. East Zone is primarily meter gauge and West Zone predominantly broad gauge with some dual gauge tracks also in place.

Telecommunications: To improve telecommunication facilities, Government has opened up the sector to private participation with many homegrown and international players like Grameenphone, Banglalink and Robi-Axiata providing telecommunications services. Bangladesh has approximately 157.5 million mobile subscribers and over 90 million internet subscribers (as in January 2019). Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission is the nodal agency for the telecom sector.



Some large infrastructure projects on which Government of Bangladesh is making large investments include:

- Padma bridge and Padma rail link projects which will improve connectivity (by both road and rail) between west/southwest Bangladesh and the rest of the country.
- Government of Bangladesh also intends to improve infrastructure of the Mongla and Chittagong ports. A new port at Payra is also being developed by the Government. India is also partnering with Bangladesh in developing the infrastructure at these ports under its Lines of Credit to Bangladesh.
- Work on Dhaka Metro Rail is underway.
- Major power projects currently under construction/consideration in Bangladesh include:
 - 1320 MW India-Bangladesh Maitree Power Project at Rampal
 - 2.4 GW Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant, Ishurdi
 - 1200 MW Matarbari Ultra Supercritical Coal Fired Plant
 - 1320 MW Maheshkhali Coal Fired Power Generation Project
 - Four different (1320 MW each) Power Plants in Payra




18. Where can we get information on major international trade fairs/exhibitions in Bangladesh?

The Export Promotion Bureau, Bangladesh organizes Dhaka International Trade Fair in the month of January/February every year. In addition, there are private firms or Chambers of Commerce from India and Bangladesh which regularly organize trade exhibitions, buyer seller meets and fairs. For details of different commercial events, please visit the website of the Export Promotion Bureau (www.epb.gov.bd) and the 'Trade and Investment' section of the website of the High Commission of India, Dhaka.

19. How does one organize international trade fairs/exhibitions in Bangladesh?

Following steps need to be followed to obtain permission from Ministry of Commerce, Bangladesh for organizing international trade fairs/exhibitions in Bangladesh (please check the latest requirements from Ministry of Commerce, Bangladesh):

- Formal application to Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Bangladesh with the details of the trade fair, its benefits and outcomes towards Bangladesh needs to be submitted ;
- US\$ 200 or equivalent currency needs to be deposited in the form of Treasury Challan to Ministry of Commerce, Bangladesh;

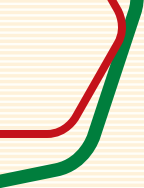
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- Venue and an event management company need to be arranged.

20. What are some basic tips for Indian businesses interested in Bangladesh?

Trade Queries: Interested business persons/firms may contact the High Commission of India, Dhaka for information on importers/manufacturers of various products in Bangladesh as well as any trade-related information with regard to Bangladesh. While writing to us, please clearly mention the name and HS Code of the product you are interested in exporting or importing.

It is recommended that Indian firms undertake due diligence about the importers and banks issuing the Letters of Credit. It is also advisable to open Letters of Credit as per normal international banking guidelines in order to avoid any commercial dispute at a later date.

Business Delegations: The High Commission assists Indian export organizations/agencies in organizing visits of business delegations to Bangladesh and participation in trade fairs/exhibitions. If complete information about the members of the delegation along with their business interests is made available well in time, the High Commission would facilitate interactions with the relevant business organizations/associations/Chambers in Bangladesh and also with publicity.



It is recommended that information about such visits be shared with us at least three weeks in advance.

Trade Disputes: The High Commission can assist Indian companies/individuals in amicably resolving their trade disputes with the Bangladesh companies. Indian companies are advised to send their representations in the format available in the link below and along with relevant documents to the High Commission. Soft copy of the format can be downloaded from: https://www.hcidhaka.gov.in/Trade_Disputes

Visa: Business visa is required to travel to Bangladesh. In order to work in Bangladesh, the company hiring you will need to seek work permit from the Bangladesh Investment Development Authority and work visa from the concerned Bangladesh authorities.


Annexure-I

List of Integrated Check Posts (ICPs)/Land Customs Stations (LCSs)

S. No.	Name of the ICP in India (along with the state)	Name of the Corresponding LCS in Bangladesh
1.	Petrapole ICP, West Bengal	Benapole, Bangladesh
2.	Agartala ICP, Tripura	Akhaura, Bangladesh

S. No.	Name of the LCS in India (along with the state, Functional)	Name of the Corresponding LCS in Bangladesh (Functional)
1	Dhalaighat LCS. (Agartala Division) Tripura	Kumarghat LCS, Bangladesh
2	Khowaighat LCS (Agartala Division), Tripura	Balla LCS, Bangladesh
3	Muhurighat LCS (Agartala Division), Tripura	Belonia LCS, Bangladesh
4	Srimantapur LCS (Agartala Division), Tripura	Bibirbazar LCS, Bangladesh
5	Karimganj Steamer & Ferry Ghat, Assam	Zakiganj LCS, Bangladesh
6	Manu LCS (Karimganj Division), Tripura	Chatiapur LCS, Bangladesh
7	Old Ragnabazar LCS (Karimganj Division), Tripura	Betuli (Fultali) LCS, Bangladesh
8	Sutarkandi LCS (Karimganj Division), Assam	Sheola LCS, Bangladesh
9	Mahisasan Railway Station (Karimganj Division), Assam	Shabajpur LCS, Bangladesh

10	Bholaganj LCS, Meghalaya	Bholaganj LCS, Companyganj, Bangladesh
11	Borsora LCS (Shillong Division), Meghalaya	Borsora LCS, Bangladesh
12	Dawki LCS (Shillong Division), Meghalaya	Tamabil LCS, Bangladesh
13	Shellabazar LCS (Shillong Division), Meghalaya	Chhatak, Sunamganj LCS, Bangladesh
14	Baghmara LCS, Meghalaya	Bijoypur LCS, Bangladesh
15	Dalu LCS, (Dhubri Division), Meghalaya	Nakugaon LCS, Bangladesh
16	Dhubri Steamer and Ferry Ghat LCS, Assam	Rohumari LCS, Bangladesh
17	Ghasuapara LCS (Dhubri Division),	Gobrakura & Koroitali LCS, Bangladesh
18	Golakganj LCS (Dhubri Division), Assam	Sonahat LCS, Bangladesh
19	Mahendraganj LCS, (Dhubri Division), Meghalaya	Dhanua Kamalpur LCS, Bangladesh
20	Mankachar LCS, (Dhubri Division), Assam	Rowmari LCS, Bangladesh
21	Guwahati Steamerghat LCS, Assam	Rohumari LCS, Bangladesh
22	Silghat LCS, (Guwahati Division), Assam	Rohumari LCS, Bangladesh
23	Changrabandha LCS, West Bengal	Burimari, Bangladesh
24	Fulbari LCS, West Bengal	Banglabandha Land Port, Bangladesh
25	Radhikapur LCS, West Bengal	Birol LCS, Bangladesh
26	Gitaldah LCS, West Bengal	Mogul Hatt, Bangladesh



27	Ghojadanga LCS, West Bengal	Bhomra, Bangladesh
28	Mahadipur LCS, West Bengla	Sinamasjid, Bangladesh
29	Hilli LCS, West Bengla	Hili, Bangladesh
30	Hemnagar LCS, West Bengal	Shaikberia, Bangladesh
31	Gede LCS, West Bengal	Dorsona, Bangladesh
32	Ranaghat LCS, West Bengal	Dorsona, Bangladesh
33	Singabad LCS, West Bengal	Rohanpur, Bangladesh
34	T.T. Shed, Khidderpore LCS, West Bengal	Khulna, Bangladesh

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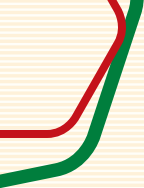
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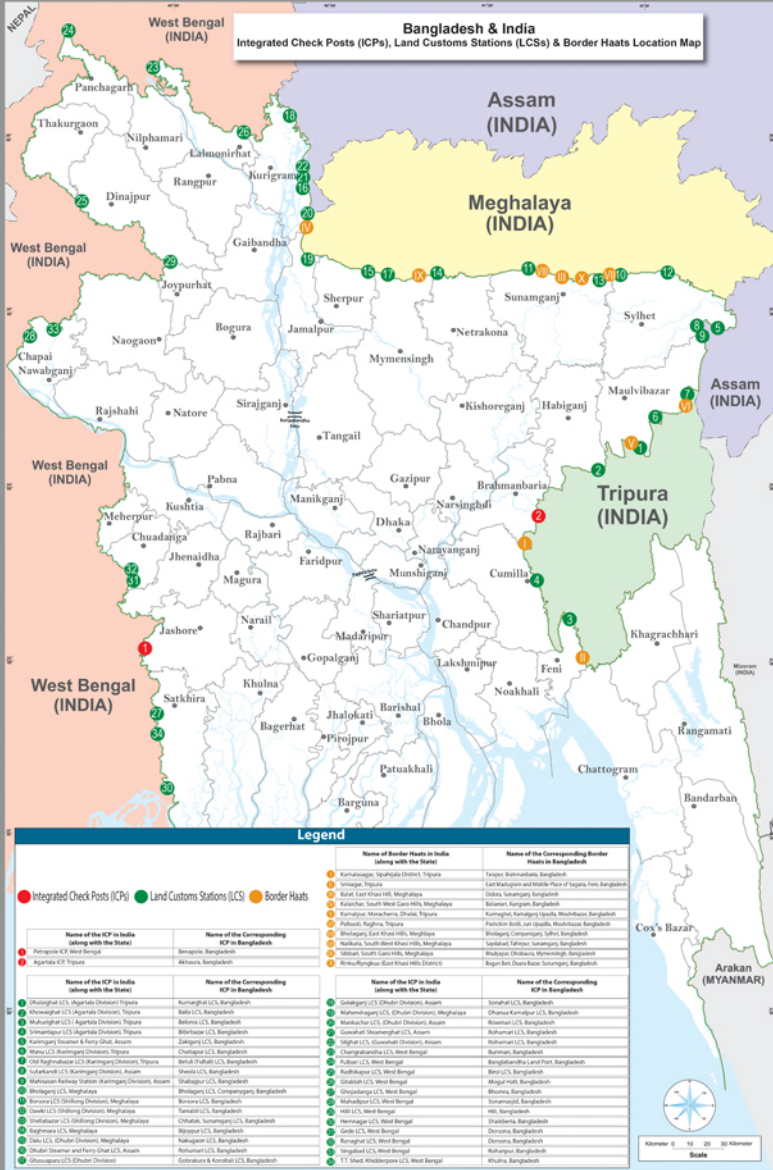
BANGLADESH, WEST BENGAL & NORTH EASTERN STATES REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY MAP





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