CR-724-BD  Bangladesh's efforts to increase food production, improve farm incomes and employment opportunities in the country's dominant rural sector will be assisted by a credit of $16 million from the INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (IDA), an affiliate of the WORLD BANK. The credit will finance the installation of 10,000 shallow tubewells in the country's north-west region where some 2,000,000 farm families, each cultivating an average of 3.5 acres, live. (Refer to IDA News Release No. 77/68)

CR-725-BD

CR-725-5-BD  Canada and IDA are providing $29.6 million equivalent to Bangladesh to assist the Muhuri Irrigation Project. IDA is extending a credit of $21.0 million while $8.6 million will come from Canadian funds administered by IDA. The project will provide irrigation and a reliable fresh water supply to four densely populated thanas in the southeastern area. A reservoir will be constructed across the Feni River Channel. (Refer to IDA News Release No. 77/69)

CR-729-BD  IDA has extended a credit of $10 million to Bangladesh for a project to assist agricultural extension and research in the north-west region (Rajshahi Division), which covers about one-fourth of the area and population of the country. The major effort of the Government's agricultural development program is to achieve food self-sufficiency, create employment for the rural poor, and increase export earnings. (Refer to IDA News Release No. 77/73)

Among those present at the signing of the credit documents on July 1, 1977, were, seated from left to right: Mr. S.R. Sen, Executive Director of WORLD BANK and IDA for Bangladesh; His Excellency M. R. Siddiqi, Ambassador of Bangladesh to the United States; and Mr. Ernest Stern, Vice President, South Asia Region, WORLD BANK/IDA.

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