The INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (IDA), an affiliate of the WORLD BANK, has approved a $22 million credit to Bangladesh to help improve water supply, distribution, and sanitation facilities in Dacca. About 25,000 new service connections with meters will be installed, and 25,000 meters will be added to existing connections. Secondary sewers will be added to the truck sewerage systems developed under the first project. Training and consultant services will also be provided, including those needed for the planning and feasibility study for the third (long-term) project. (Refer to IDA News Release No. 79/105).

An IDA credit of $25 million to Bangladesh will help finance a portion of its fertilizer imports in 1980, and to lay the foundation for a sustained increase in the use of fertilizer. The fertilizer financed under the credit is expected to result in increases in grain production, which will replace foodgrain imports valued at between $65 million and $150 million. (Refer to IDA News Release No. 79/108).

Among those present at the signing of the credit documents on June 29, 1979, were, seated from left to right: Mr. M. Syeduz-Zaman, Alternate Executive Director of WORLD BANK/IDA for Bangladesh; Mr. Abidur Rahman, Economic Minister, Embassy of Bangladesh; and Mr. Robert Picciotto, Projects Director, South Asia Region, WORLD BANK/IDA.

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