

Annual Report of Secretary General, BIPPA for the year -2021

Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim

Honourable President,
Members of the Board of Directors,
General Members,
Distinguished guests,
Chairmen and Members of Election Board & Appeal Board

-Assalamu Alaikum.

It is my pleasure to extend my warm welcome in this cheerful evening to join the 6th Annual General Meeting of Bangladesh Independent Power Producers' Association (BIPPA).

Journey of Bangladesh Independent Power Producers' Association (BIPPA) is started on 29.06.2014 satisfying all the requirements as per Law of the Government under the dynamic leadership and proper guidance of the First Convenor and Founder President, late Mr. Annisul Huq, Chairman of Desh Energy Ltd. , Honourable Mayor of DNCC to protect, promote, represent and safeguard the occupation, trade and the business of Independent Power Producers who are engaged in commercial power production in Bangladesh. By this time BIPPA has completed it's journey of 7 (seven) and half years under the dynamic leadership of Mr. Annisul Huq, Founder President, Mr. Mohammad Latif Khan, immediate past President and Mr. Imran Karim, present President (BIPPA).

I am glad to remind you again that the 11 (eleven) members of the present Board of Directors of BIPPA were elected on 20.11.2019 for the term of 02 (two) years, 2019-2021. Then in the Board Meeting held on 21.11.2019, 11(eleven) Directors unanimously elected Mr. Imran Karim as President and 01. Mr. Humayun Rashid 02. Mr. Engr. Md. Mozammel Hossain 03. Mr. Navidul Huq as Vice-Presidents of BIPPA.

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As per decision taken in the Board Meeting, under the leadership of President we met for courtesy call with the following Government dignitaries and officials to discuss important points about private sector issues in power sector:

1. Advisor to Honourable Prime Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources.
2. Honorable State Minister, Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources.
3. Principle Secretary to Honourable Prime Minister.
4. Senior Secretaries and Secretaries, Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources.
5. Chairman, National Board of Revenue (NBR).
6. Chairman, Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB).
7. Chief Engineer, Private Generation (IPP), Bangladesh Power Development Board.
8. Advisor to Honourable Prime Minister for Private Industry & Investment.
9. Honorable State Minister and Secretary, Power Division, MPEMR to handover the Crest of Honour on behalf of BIPPA.
10. Chairperson of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources.
11. Governor, Bangladesh Bank.
12. Chairman, Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (BERC).
13. Chairman, Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC).

Achievements of Bangladesh Independent Power Producers' Association:

Honourable members, I want to draw your kind attention to some of our achievements as on today:

1. Issuance of Circular by the Ministry of Commerce regarding the Independent Power Producer companies compulsory be the member of BIPPA.
2. Permanent exemption of Advance Income Tax (AIT) on importation of Plants, Equipments and Machineries for the construction of Power Plants.
3. Relief of resident Private Power Producer companies from multi-tier taxation on dividend income.

I want to take the opportunity to appreciate the immediate past President Mr. Mohammad Latif Khan for his course of action taken on behalf of the Association to relief the resident companies from multi-tier taxation on dividend income, subject to maintenance of separate account.

4. The number of the members of Bangladesh Independent Power Producers' Association is now 52 (Fifty Two) which is also an achievement of BIPPA. (The list of the member companies is given for your kind perusal).

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5. We have successfully participated and installed stalls in the past National Power & Energy Weeks at Bashundhara International Convention Centre (BICC).
6. Website of BIPPA has been constructed.
BIPPA Website address is www.bippabd.org
7. As per request vide our letter dated 22.08.2019 NBR constituted a committee to give the opinion regarding Exemption of AIT, VAT & Tax on importation of spare parts, machineries, consumables and services necessary to produce electricity.

Here, I am glad to let you know that Mr. Imran Karim, President, BIPPA has been included as a member of the committee of NBR for constituting a new SRO combining the previous SRO-73 & SRO-100 for solving the problems therein. The expected SRO-70 was issued on 05 March 2020 regarding the list of items of spare parts machineries, consumables and services necessary to produce electricity to be imported are released from AIT, VAT & Tax.

8. By this time almost half of our member companies are exempted from the Stamp Duty and Registration Fee against the registration of Project Financing Document. We do hope the rest will be exempted very soon.
9. Amendment of the related clause of Import HFO permission issued by Energy and Mineral Resources Division to allow to loan fuel to the other power plants own by the same owner specially for the pandemic period.
10. Road transportation fare for carrying the furnace oil for the HFO based power station installed on Build, Own and Operate (BOO) basis in the different areas of the country under the Private Sector Power Generation Policy of Bangladesh has been increased.
11. BIPPA Members will be allowed to participate in the final discussion meeting of Power Division for the Amendment of Private Sector Power Generation Policy of Bangladesh-1996.
12. During this last two years of Pandemic period 12 (twelve) Board Meetings (including two Emergency Board Meetings) were held under the dynamic leadership of our present President.

Donation and Sponsorship of BIPPA during the year-2021

1. Sponsorship for two virtual seminars in collaboration with BIPPA on :
 - (i) 50th Anniversary of our victory: Power Sector Progress held on 19.12.2020.
 - (ii) Upcoming National Budget FY 2021-22: Expectation of Power Producers to FERB held on 08.05.2021.

Total expenditure is TK. 6.5 Lac.

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2. Sponsorship of donation Mask, Hand Sanitizer and Disinfectant Spray handed over to Member, Company Affairs, BPDB during pandemic situation.

Total expenditure TK. 4,60,320/-

3. Sponsorship for two virtual seminars in collaboration with BIPPA on:

- (i) "Electricity Demand in Bangladesh: Installed and Delivered Capacity" held on 28.08.2021.
- (ii) "Rental-Quick Rental power plants: Past, Present, Future" held on 28.09.2021 to FERB

Total expenditure is TK. 5.5 Lac.

4. A sum of **TK. 5,00,000/- (Five Lac)** only as donation, transferred to the Account of **BCS, 85 Batch** at the honour of Senior Secretary, Energy and Mineral Resources Division.
5. This is for your kind information that another two virtual seminars in collaboration with BIPPA will be held on the following topics:
 - (i) Transparency, Accountability and Competition in Power Sector.
 - (ii) Electricity Tariff in Bangladesh: Free Market or Availability Payment.

Future Plan of Bangladesh Independent Power Producers' Association:

1. More private power producer companies to be included as the member of BIPPA.
2. Research and Development cell be created.
3. Panel Lawyer to be appointed for the solution of legal matters.
4. Professional accounts person to be appointed to develop the software of Accounts and to do accounts works smoothly.
5. Vision to purchase a permanent office space for BIPPA.
6. Create fund to promote and encourage and finance to the technical development in respect of power sector of Bangladesh.

Audit Report and Accounts

The Audit Report and Accounts for the year ended 30th June 2021 as audited by auditor RAHMAN MUSTAFIZ HAQ & CO. is circulated for your kind perusal and approval. It is noted that the total received amount (including opening balance in Bank) of BIPPA for the financial year 2020-2021 is **TK. 1,74,42,174/- (One Crore Seventy Four Lac Forty Two Thousand One Hundred and Seventy Four)** only, total expenditure amount (including FDR in Bank) is **TK. 1,35,90,044/- (One Crore Thirty Five Lac Ninety Thousand and Forty Four)** only & Cash in Bank on 30th June 2021 is **TK. 38,52,130/- (Thirty Eight Lac Fifty Two Thousand One Hundred and Thirty)** only.

A "Receipt & Payment Summary" for the year ended 30th June 2021 is also circulated for ready reference.

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Budget of Bangladesh Independent Power Producers' Association for 2022:

The Budget of BIPPA for the calendar year 2022 is also circulated for your kind perusal and approval. The Budget of the calendar year 2022 is of total TK. 1,54,15,125/- (One Crore Fifty Four Lac Fifteen Thousand One hundred and Twenty Five) only. Noted that, the last year's Budget was TK. 1,54,68,922/- (One Crore Fifty Four Lac Sixty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty Two) only but the total expenditure of the year 2021 is TK. 1,24,33,360/- (One Crore Twenty Four Lac Thirty Three Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty) only which is TK. 30,35,562/- (Thirty Lac Thirty Five Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty Two) only less than the present Budget. Noted that the budget for the calendar year 2022 is TK. 1,54,15,125 /- (One Crore Fifty Four Lac Fifteen Thousand One hundred and Twenty Five) only which is TK. 53,797/- (Fifty Three Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Seven) only less than the present budget.

Details of Budget, Analysis and Evaluation of the present Budget are also enclosed for your kind perusal.

Exemption of Stamp Duty and Registration Fee against the registration of Project Financing Document:

At the beginning of discussion in the 10th Board Meeting held on 23 October, 2021 President said that this is a very important issue for us. President informed in the meeting that in the meantime an online meeting with Honourable State Minister was held on 10 July, 2021. As per direction of Honourable State Minister a letter dated 08 August 2021 regarding this issue has been sent to Senior Secretary, IRD from Power Division.

It is also informed in the Board Meeting that a letter dated 13 September 2021 addressed to Secretary, Power Division has been issued requesting for arranging an urgent meeting (Offline/Online) with him to discuss for the immediate solution of this burning issue. But the discussion meeting with him is not yet done due to his business.

Prayer for rescue from corona virus COVID-19:

The Corona Virus COVID-19 pandemic is defining global health crisis of our time and the greatest challenge we have faced since last World War.

I want to take the privilege to request you to pray for eternal peace of those people who were lost their life in COVID-19 and also pray for the recovery of those who are still suffering from corona virus COVID-19.

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Election of Board of Directors of the Association 2021:

As per decision taken in the 9th Board Meeting held on 09 September 2021 as well as in the Election Board Meeting held on 19 September 2021 and as per Schedule the date of the Election of the Board of Directors of the Association is fixed on Wednesday, 08 December 2021.

Election Board and Appeal Board are constituted as per article no. 45 of the Articles of Association of Bangladesh Independent Power Producers' Association (BIPPA) under section 14 of T.O Rules, 1994 by the following members:

Election Board:

Sl. No.	Name	Designation
01	Mr. Tapan Chandra Banik, Additional Secretary (Retd.), MoPA	Chairman
02	Mr. Chowdhury Fariduzzaman, Ex. Director, BPDB	Member
03	Advocate Shah Kutub Uddin, The Attorney Ltd. and Legal Adviser, BIPPA	Member

Appeal Board:

Sl. No.	Name	Designation
01	Eng. Saiful Islam Khan, Ex. Chief Engineer, BPDB	Chairman
02	Mr. Indranil Barua, Ex. Director, BPDP	Member
03	Advocate Baki Md. Murtoza, Bangladesh Supreme Court	Member

Election Board is conducting the election procedure as per rules to elect the 11 (eleven) members of the Board of Directors of the Association. This is for your kind information that there is no Nomination Paper has been submitted.

There was a meeting of Election Board held on 18 November 2021 (the date of publication of final candidate list) and they came to know that there is no Nomination Paper has been submitted. The Election Board unanimously has taken the decision that the Election cannot be held on due date i.e. 08 December 2021. The Election Board advised to take decision in the AGM for further course of action to continue the present Board of Directors as the General Members are the supreme authority to take decision.

The minutes of the meeting of the Election Board held on 18 November 2021 is circulated for your kind perusal.

I am requesting the General Members present in the meeting to participate in the voice voting for taking decision regarding the continuation of the present President and his Board for at least one year.

I want to congratulate and show due deference to all of our beloved and honourable Members of the Association for their decision taken not to submit Nomination Paper for the election at the honour of our present President Mr. Imran Karim and the members of the Board Of Directors. They want to work with the sincere and dynamic present President and his Board for at least another one year.

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Prayer for Mr. Aslamul Huque, MP

On the occurrence of sudden death of Mr. Aslamul Huque, MP on 04 April 2021 the Board of Directors present in the 8th Board Meeting took part in a Fateha and Munajat and prayed for the eternal peace of the soul of deceased.

I want to take the privilege to request you once again to pray for eternal peace of our beloved Member Mr. Aslamul Huque, MP.

Conclusion:

Bangladesh Independent Power Producers' Association (BIPPA) is presently an organization of 52 (Fifty Two) member companies of Private Sector Power Generation running under the sincere and dynamic leadership of our President Mr. Imran Karim, Vice-Chairman of Confidence Group.

Finally this is to mention that to reach the objects of BIPPA and to run the organization, financial ability is a must. As you know currently the only source of revenue of Bangladesh Independent Power Producers' Association (BIPPA) is Annual Subscription Fees of existing members to run the Association. So, you are cordially requested to pay the Annual Subscription fees in time. You are also requested with honour and gratitude to adopt the Annual Report, approve the Audit & Accounts, Annual Budget and the extension of the duration of Present Board of directors for another 1(one) year.

I would like to express my heartiest gratitude to all of you for a patient hearing.

Thank you all.

Allah Hafez

Abdul Halim
Secretary General, BIPPA