

# **Development Planning: The Case Bangladesh**

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## **Preface**

The book is an outcome of my dissertation entitled as 'Development Planning in Bangladesh during 1973-2002: A critical analysis' for degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Economics. The study is based on primary field survey & secondary data available in Ministries, Divisions, Department's & with Development Partners.

The book is an attempt to explain development planning processes followed in Bangladesh during the period of 1973-2002, the importance given to planned development and the role assigned to Planning Commission. The study attempted to find out the macro-economic planning and policy implications in development plans & the strategies followed to achieve the plan objectives.

During the study period, Bangladesh has implemented 5 medium term plan and a two-year plan & also witnessed a two-year plan holiday during 1996-98. This is an evaluative study which reveals that there is an increasing trend of GDP along with few indicators of socio-economic development. Both the primary & secondary data reveals that 'input-out model' used in plan formulation as macro modelling.

Implementation of project was delayed due to long approval procedure; release of fund; procurement of materials & appointment of project personnel; inadequate allocation; delay of land acquisition & the frequent revision of projects etc. For better implementation, simplification of procedures is required in approval as well as in implementation stage. Timely evaluation by using modern scientific tools by expert in respected field can ensure better result of projects i.e. the plan. Nevertheless, development planning in Bangladesh has contributed a lot towards the advancement of our economy during 1973-2002.

PRS as a development strategy was followed during 2004-10, but the experience does not endorse it as a substitute of medium term planning of the past. The study deduces that the country should follow 'hard planning' in terms of medium plan of 5 years within a perspective plan of 20 years, in order to have a fair position in world economy.

The under-graduate student of development economics, development studies, Bangladesh economy and also the researcher may use it as a reference book. To improve the quality any sort of suggestions are highly appreciated in e-mail : [akmigir@gmail.com](mailto:akmigir@gmail.com)

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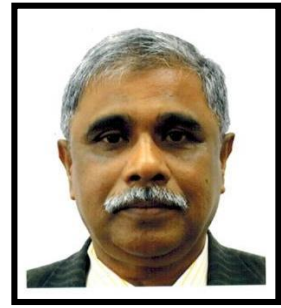
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