
Water and Navigation

Inland navigation is of substantial economic importance to Bangladesh because its numerous watercourses provide the cheapest means of transportation. Siltation, however, has disrupted river communications in many water channels. De-siltation of these channels is required not only to restore their navigational capability but also to assist surface drainage. The policies of the Government in this regard are:

- a. Water development projects should cause minimal disruption to navigation and, where necessary, adequate mitigation measures should be taken.
- b. Minimum stream-flows in designated rivers and streams will be maintained for navigation after diversion of water for drinking and municipal purposes.

Dredging and other suitable measures would be undertaken, wherever needed, to maintain navigational capability of designated waterways.