

**THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**ON DEVELOPMENT OF FAIRWAY FROM SIRAJGANJ TO DAIKHOWA AND**  
**ASHUGANJ TO ZAKIGANJ ON INDO – BANGLADESH PROTOCOL ROUTE**

**BETWEEN**

**THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA**

**AND**

**THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF**  
**BANGLADESH**

The Ministry of Shipping of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Shipping of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (hereinafter referred to as the "Parties");

Desiring to enhance the collaboration in the shipping sector and open up newer avenues in the areas of bilateral & regional trade and connectivity by means of improving the navigability in the Indo-Bangladesh Protocol route.

Recognizing the need for the movement of transit cargo round the year navigability on Indo-Bangladesh Protocol Routes, possibilities were explored for development of entire protocol route with minimum assured Least Available Depth (LAD) for the purpose of navigation for Inland Water Transport. During 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee on 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2012, a Joint Technical Committee (JTC) was formed for conducting hydrographic surveys and assessing the dredging quantity and navigation aids on the Protocol Route.

During the meeting of Shipping Secretaries of both countries held on 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2016, it was agreed to develop the fairway in the stretches from Sirajganj to Daikhowa (175 km) of Jamuna River and Ashuganj to Zakiganj (295 km) of Kusiara River based on the report of the JTC.

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