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NOTIFICATION

Dhaka, September 11, 1986

(With amendments up to July, 2020)

No. CD- 10/1/85-Rules/361.- In Supersession of all previous notification on the Warrant of Precedence, the President is pleased to direct that the following table be henceforth observed with respect to the precedence of persons hereinafter named, namely:-

1. President of the Republic
- [2. Prime Minister of the Republic
3. Speaker of the Parliament]¹
- [4. Chief Justice of Bangladesh
Former Presidents of the Republic
5. Cabinet Ministers of the Republic
Chief Whip
Deputy Speaker of the Parliament
Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
6. Persons holding appointments accorded status of a Minister without being members of the Cabinet
7. Ambassadors Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and High Commissioners of Commonwealth countries accredited to Bangladesh.
8. Chief Election Commissioner.
Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission.
Deputy leader of the Opposition in Parliament.
Judges of the Supreme Court (Appellate Division)
Ministers of State of the Republic
Whip.
9. Election Commissioners.
Judges of the Supreme Court (High Court Division)
[Persons holding appointments accorded status of a Minister of State.]²
10. Deputy Ministers of the Republic.
11. Envoys Extraordinary and Ministers Plenipotentiary accredited to Bangladesh.
[Persons holding appointments accorded status of a Deputy Minister.]²

1. Amended vide Cabinet Division Notification No.CD-10/4/90-Rules/105;Dated:December 5,1991.

2. Included vide Cabinet Division Notification No.CD-10/2/87-Rules/74;Dated:March 7,1988.

12. Cabinet Secretary
Chiefs of Staff of the Army, Navy and Air Force.
Principal Secretary to the Government.
13. Members of the Parliament.
14. Visiting Ambassadors and High Commissioners not accredited to Bangladesh.
15. Attorney-General
Comptroller and Auditor-General
Ombudsman.
[Governor, Bangladesh Bank.]¹
16. Chairman, Public Service Commission.
Chairman, University Grants commission.
Inspector General of Police.
Members, Planning Commission.
Officers of the rank of Major General in the army and equivalent in the Navy and the Air force.
Secretaries to the Government including Secretary to the Parliament.
17. Charge-d' affaires apied of Foreign Countries.
Director General of the National Security Intelligence.
Full-time Members, University Grants Commission.
National Professors.
Officers holding the status of Secretaries to the Government.
Vice-chancellors of Universities.
18. Mayors of Civic Corporation within the jurisdiction of their respective Corporations.
19. Additional Attorney-General.
Additional Secretaries to the Government.
Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission.
Chairman, Board of Land Administration.
Chairman, Bangladesh Agricultural Development Corporation
Chairman, Bangladesh chemical Industries Corporation.
Chairman, Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation.
Chairman, Bangladesh Oil, Gas And Mineral Corporation.
Chairman, Bangladesh Power Development Board.
Chairman, Bangladesh Steel and Engineering Corporation.
Chairman, Bangladesh Sugar and Food Industries Corporation.
Chairman, Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation.
Chairman, Bangladesh Water Development Board.
Chairman, Tarrif commission.
Charge-d' affaires ad-interim of Foreign Countries.
Director- General of Anti-Corruption.
Executive Vice-Chairman, Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council.
Managing Director, Bangladesh Krishi Bank.
Managing Director, Sonali Bank.
Professors of Universities in Selection Grade.
Visiting Ambassadors and High Commissioners of Bangladesh.

1. Amended vide Cabinet Division Notification No.CD-10/4/90-Rules(Part-2) /17;Dated:March 5, 2000.

20. Chairman, Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industrial Research.
Chairman, Tea Board.
Chairman, T&T Board.
Chief Architect of the Government.
Chief Conservator of Forests.
Chief Engineer, Roads and Highways Department.
Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.
[Executive Chairman, Bangladesh Export Processing Zone Authority.]¹
Director-General, Department of Agriculture Extension.
Director of Fisheries.
Director-General of Health Services.
Director of Livestock Services.
Director-General of Primary Education.
Director-General, Secondary and Higher Secondary Education.
Director-General of Technical Education.
Division Chief, Planning commission.
Managing Director, Bangladesh Biman.
Managing Director of other Nationalised Commercial Banks.
Members of the National Board of Revenue.
Members, Public Service Commission.
Officers of the status of Additional Secretary to the Government.
Registrar of Supreme Court.
Vice-chairman, Export Promotion Bureau.
21. Additional Inspector-General of Police.
Chairman, Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority.
Chairman, Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation.
Chairman, Bangladesh Small & Cottage Industries Corporation.
Chairman of the Civil Aviation Authority.
Chairman, Dhaka Improvement Trust.
Chairman, National Broadcasting Authority.
Chairman, Petroleum Corporation.
Chairman, Port Authority.
Chairman, Rural Electrification Board.
Chairman, Trading Corporation of Bangladesh.
Chairman, Water And Sewerage Authority.
Chairman, Bangladesh Hand Loom Board.
Chairman, Bangladesh Sericulture Board.
Chairman, Bangladesh Jute corporation.
Chairman, Bangladesh Forest Industries Development Corporation.
Chairman, Bangladesh Fisheries Development Corporation.
Chairman, Bangladesh Tourism Corporation.
Chairman, Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation.
Chief Controller of Imports and Exports.
Chief Engineer, Housing and Settlement Department.
Chief Engineer of Public Health Engineering Department.

1. Included vide Cabinet Division Notification No.CD-10/2/87-Rules/303;Dated:October 28,1987.

Commissioners of Divisions within their respective charges.
Director, Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (if full-time member of the Board of Directors).
Director, Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (if full-time member of the Board of Directors).
Director, Bangladesh Steel & Engineering Corporation (if full-time member of the Board of Directors).
Director, Bangladesh Sugar and food Industries Corporation (if full-time member of the Board of Directors).
Director, Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation (if full-time member of the Board of Directors).
Director-General of Ansars & VDP.
Director-General of Bangladesh Rural Development Board.
Director-General, Department of Immigration and Passport.
Director-General of Export Promotion Bureau.
Director-General, Fire Services and Civil Defence.
Director-General of Food.
Director-General of Geological Survey.
Director-General of Industries.
Director-General of Land Record and Surveys.
Director-General of Post Offices.
Director-General of population Control.
Director-General of Relief and Rehabilitation.
Director-General, Shipping.
General Manager of Bangladesh Railway.
Joint Secretaries to the Government.
Managing Director, Bangladesh Shipping Corporation.
Managing Director of the Financial Institutions.
Managing Director, Jiban Bima Corporation.
Managing Director, Sadharan Bima Corporation.
[Managing Director, Bangladesh Film Development Corporation]¹
Member, Atomic Energy Commission (if full-time member of the Board of Directors).
Member, Bangladesh Agricultural Development Corporation (if full-time member of the Board of Directors).
Member, Bangladesh Oil, Gas and Mineral Corporation (if full-time member of the Board of Directors).
Member, Bangladesh Power Development Board (if full-time member of the board of Directors).
Member, Bangladesh Water Development Board (if full-time member of the Board of Directors).
Ministers and Deputy High Commissioners (of the rank of Ministers in Embassies, High Commissions and Missions located in Bangladesh).
Officers of the rank of Brigadier in the Army and equivalent in the Navy and the Air Force.
Registrar, Co-operative Societies.
Surveyor-General of Bangladesh.

1. Included vide Cabinet Division Notification No.CD-10/2/87-Rules/303;Dated:October 28, 1987.

22. Additional Chief Architect.
Additional Chief Engineers of Government Departments.
Additional Director-General, Health Services.
[Chairman, Chittagong Development Authority
Chairman, Rajshahi Development Authority.
Chairman, Khulna Development Authority.]¹
Collectors of Customs and Excise
Commissioners of Divisions outside their respective charges.
Commissioners of Taxes.
Consuls General.
Controller General of Accounts
Controller General of Defence Finance.
Counsellors of Embassies, High Commissions and Legations of Foreign and Commonwealth Government.
Deputy Inspectors General of Police within their respective charges.
Director of Agriculture Extension.
Director-General, Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute.
Director General, Bangladesh Jute Research Institute.
Director General, Bangladesh Rice Research Institute.
Director General, Department of Social Services.
Director General, National Institute of Mass Communication.
Director General of Youth Development Department.
Director, Military lands and Cantonment.
[Director General, Bangladesh Industrial Technical Assistance Centre.
Director General, Bangladesh Standard and Testing Institute.]¹
Inspector General of Prisons.
Joint Chief, Planning Commission.
Member, Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (if full-time member of the Board of Directors).
[Member, Bangladesh export Processing Zone Authority (if full-time member of the Board of Directors).]¹
Member, Tea Board (if full-time member of the Board of Directors).
Officers of the rank of Full Colonel in the Army and equivalent in the Navy and the Air Force.
Officers of the status of Joint Secretary to the Government.
Principals of Medical and Engineering Colleges and Professors of Universities.

1. Included vide Cabinet Division Notification No.CD-10/2/87-Rules/303;Dated:October 28, 1987.

23. Additional Commissioners (within their respective charges).
[Director, Bangladesh jute Corporation (if full-time member of the Board of Directors).
Director, Bangladesh Forest Industries Corporation (if full-time member of Board of Directors).
Director, Bangladesh Fisheries Development Corporation (if full-time member of the Board of Directors).
Director, Bangladesh Tourism Corporation (if full-time member of the Board of Directors).
Director, Bangladesh Film Development Corporation (if full-time member of the Board of Directors).
Director, Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation (if full-time member of the Board of Directors).]¹
Director of Education.
Director, Petroleum Corporation (if full-time member of the Board of Directors).
Director, Bangladesh Rural Development Board (if full-time member of the Board of Directors).
Director, Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (if full-time member of the Board of Directors).
Mayors of Civic Corporations outside their respective charges.
Member, Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (if full-time member of the Board of Directors).
Member, Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation (if full-time member of the Board of Directors).
[Member, Bangladesh Handloom Board (if full-time member of the Board of Directors).
Member, Bangladesh Sericulture Board (if full-time member of the Board of Directors).]¹
Member, Civil Aviation Authority (if full-time member of the Board of Directors).
Member, Port Authority (if full-time member of the Board of Directors).
Member, Rural Electrification Board (if full-time member of the Board of Directors).
Member, Bangladesh Shipping Corporation (if full time member of the Board of Directors).
Military, Naval and Air Attaches to Embassies and Legations and Military, Naval and Air Advisors to High Commissions.
Professors of Medical and Engineering Colleges.
24. Chairmen of District Councils (if elected) within their respective charges.
Commandant, Marine Academy.
Deputy Commissioners within their respective charges.
Deputy Inspectors General of Police outside their charges.
[Director, Bangladesh Industrial Technical Assistance Centre (if full-time member of the Board of Directors).
Director, Bangladesh Standard and Testing Institute (if full-time member of the Board of Directors).]¹

1. Included vide Cabinet Division Notification No.CD-10/2/87-Rules/303;Dated:October 28,1987.

District and Sessions Judges within their respective charges.

Officers of the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Army and equivalent in the Navy and the Air Force.

25. Chairmen (if elected) of class I Municipalities within their charges.

Chairmen of Upazila Parishads within their respective charges.

Civil Surgeons within their respective charges.

Deputy Secretaries to the government.

Officers of the rank of Major in the Army and equivalent in the Navy and the Air Force.

Superintendents of Police within their respective charges.]¹

Notes:

- [1. The order in the warrant of Precedence is to be observed for State and ceremonial occasions.]²
2. The entries in the above table, which are in alphabetical order on each article, apply exclusively to the persons mentioned in the table of precedence and, while regulating their relative precedence with each other do not give them any precedence over members of the non-official community in Bangladesh, not mentioned in the table who shall take their place according to usage.
3. Persons in the above table will take precedence in order of the number of the entries. Those included in the same number will take precedence *inter se* according to the date of entry into that number. When two or more persons enter an article on the same date, their *inter se* seniority will be fixed in the basis of length of class I service, in case of officers, and in the case on an elected office bearer given precedence over permanent Government servants entering the article on the same date. Amongst elected office-bearers entering article on the same date precedence will be accorded by alphabetical order of the surname. Officers of the Defense Services, in the same article will rank *inter se* according to their relative service seniority.
4. When a person holds more than one position in the table, he will be entitled to the highest position accorded to him.
5. Officers who are temporarily officiating in any number of the table he will take precedence in that number below permanent incumbents.
6. All officers not mentioned in the above table, whose rank is regulated by comparison with rank in the Army will have the same precedence with reference to Civil Servant as is enjoyed by military officers of equivalent grades (see table of equivalent ranks given under note 9 below).
7. Married ladies, unless by virtue of holding an appointment themselves they are entitled to a higher position in the table, shall take place according to the precedence herein assigned to their respective husbands.
8. All other persons not mentioned in the above table will take precedence according to general usage, which is to be explained and determined by the President in case any question shall arise.

1. Amended vide Cabinet Division Notification No.CD-10/4/90-Rules(Part-2) /17;Dated:March 5,2000.

2. Amended vide Cabinet Division Notification No.04.00.0000.423.22.002.20.65;Dated:July 20,2020.

9. Table of Equivalent Ranks:

Army	Navy	Air Force	Remarks.
General	Admiral	Air Chief Marshal	Reserve and Non-Regular Officers take Precedence in the same rank after regular Officers holding the same rank. When called Up for embodied (Whole-time) service they take seniority in their substantive rank as on date of recall with but immediately after regular Officers holding the same substantive rank on that date.
Lieutenant General	Vive-Admiral	Air Marshal	
Major General	Rear Admiral	Air Vice-Marshal	
Brigadier	Commander	Air Commodore	
Colonel	Captain	Group Captain	
Lieutenant Colonel	Commander	Wing Commander	
Major	Lieutenant Commander	Squadron Leader	
Captain	Lieutenant	Flight Lieutenant	
Lieutenant	Sub-Lieutenant	Flying Officer	
Second Lieutenant	Acting Sub-Lieutenant	Pilot Officer	

By order of the President

M.M. Zaman
Cabinet Secretary.