

## ADB approved Dhaka WASA Water Supply Project 50 Crore litre water will be brought out daily from Meghna

Asian Development Bank (ADB) at its Board Meeting held on 22 October 2013 at the Head Quarters in Manila has approved the 'Environmentally Sustainable Water Supply Project' of Dhaka WASA. Earlier the project was approved at the ECNEC meeting last month. Dhaka WASA has taken this US \$ 675 million project to supply 50 Crore litre water per day to the capital after treating in the Gandharbpur Treatment Plant in Narayanganj. French Development Corporation (AFD), European Investment Bank (EIB) and the Bangladesh Government will jointly finance the project. This 5200 Crore Taka project is expected to be implemented by December, 2019. The feasibility study of the project has been completed and the tendering formalities is now under process.

For environment reason, Dhaka WASA is gradually switching towards surface water production instead of ground water extraction. It may be mentioned that Dhaka WASA is currently producing 242 crore litre water per day against the demand of 225 crore litre of Dhaka dwellers. For the first time in its history, Dhaka WASA is now able to produce surplus water in the capital. The 'Environmentally Sustainable Water Supply Project' of Dhaka WASA will contribute greatly to water supply activities to Dhaka WASA which has a plan to produce 70 per cent of its total capacity from the surface water by 2020.