

Dredging Bill in Bangladesh



The Sand Quarry and Soil Management Bill-2010 was passed at the Jatiya Sangsad (JS) Tuesday, reports BSS, Bangladesh. For extracting sand, the bill also suggested provisions for dredging rivers those might suffer erosion of their banks at least one kilometre from bridges, culverts, dams, barrages, embankments, roads, highways, forests, railways and important public and private establishments and residential areas as per Environment Protection Act. It also suggested provision for banning extraction of sand or soil in some cases.

The bill also proposed the provision of exporting soil and sand provided having approval of concerned authorities and following the rules of export policy.

Land Minister Rezaul Karim Hira proposed for the passage of the bill.

Earlier on October 4, the minister introduced the bill with a proposal for reducing complicacies in leasing sand quarries, extracting sands in planned way and their marketing, checking crimes and abolishing the rule of appointing single authority for sand management.

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