



National Budget 2022-23: Summary

Roads, Highways and Bridges



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1. Background and the Main Features of the Roads and Transport Sector's Budget

The government is implementing a number of mega projects, one of which is the Padma Bridge, with the aim of building transport and communication systems that support industry and trade in the country. As a result of strong commitment of the government, it has been possible to complete the construction of 6.15 km long Padma bridge with the own funds of the government of Bangladesh. The bridge has been opened to traffic on June 25, which has led to an unprecedented improvement in the communication system with the capital in the southern part of the country.

By 2030, in order to reduce traffic congestion in Dhaka metropolis and adjoining areas and to improve the mass movement environment, Dhaka Met Transit Company Limited is constructing 129.901 kms (6.629 kms fly and 61.162 kms) rail lines under 6 metro projects. 20.10 km from Uttara to Motijheel as part of a time-bound action plan to build an integrated Metrorail system with stations (52 flying and 53 subways). Construction of the first flying metrorail with 16 stations is in the final stages.

Construction of the 3.32 km long Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Tunnel project is nearing completion and the tunnel will be opened to traffic by December 2022. Construction of the long-elevated expressway is in full swing.

Construction work of Bay Terminal on Patenga-Halishahar coast is underway for the expansion of Chittagong seaport and upgrading it to world-class. In addition, the construction of the country's first deep-sea port at Matarbari is in full swing to accept 18-meter drafts and 6,000 TEU container vessels in line with international trade demand.

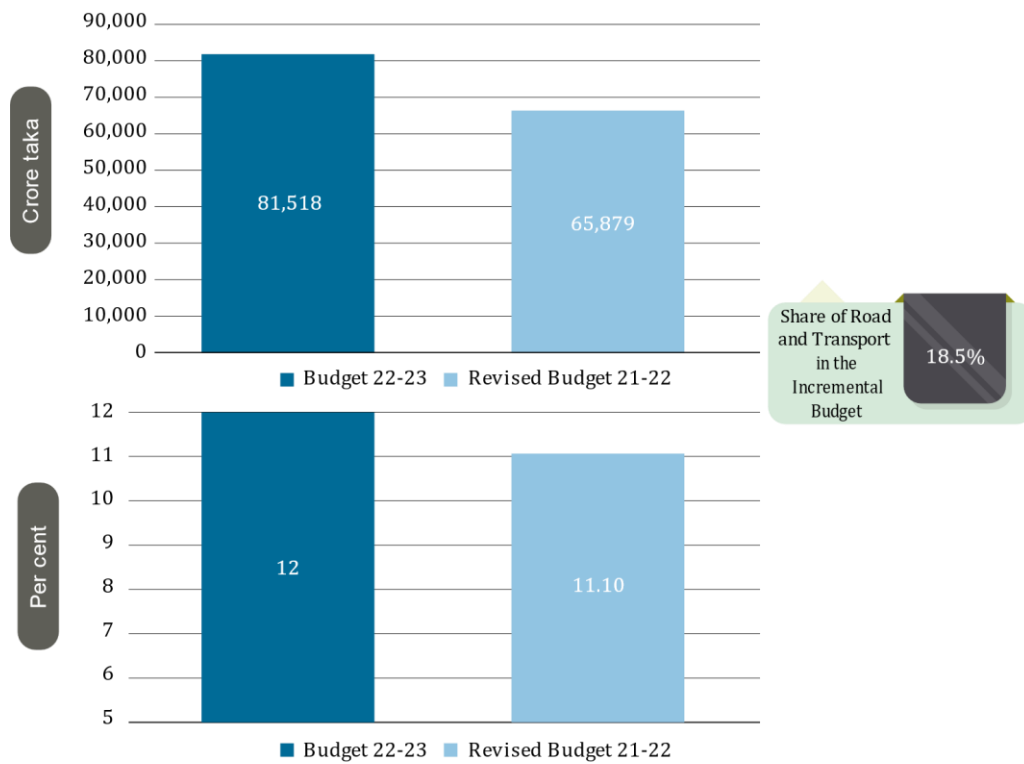
The construction work of the third terminal of Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport is being carried out 24 hours a day to complete it by 2023. Runway expansion and construction of new terminal building is in full swing to upgrade Cox's Bazar Airport to an international airport.

In the proposed 2022-23 budget, an allocation of Tk 81.517 crore has been proposed for road transport and bridges, which is Tk 15.639 crore more than the revised budget allocation for 2021-22. The revised budget allocation for 2021-22 was Tk 85,69 crore.

2. Proposed Budget of FY2022-23 and the Roads and Transport Sector

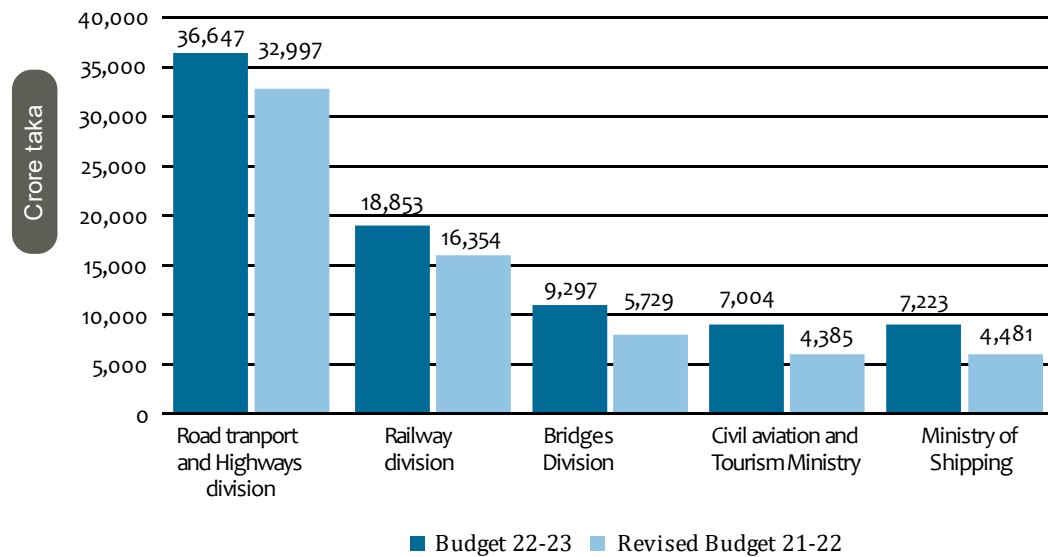
Allocation for the Road transport and bridge sector of 2022-23 is 12 percent of the total budget. The allocation is 20.6 percent higher than the revised budget for 2021-22. The amount of allocation kept in the revised budget was 11.10 percent (Figure-1). The share of budget allocation in the road transport and highway sector is the highest among ministries/sectors (Figure- 2).

Figure 1: Proposed Budget for FY2022-23 and the Roads and Transport Sector



Source: Budget Documents, 2022-23, MoF

Figure 2: Ministry wise allocation for the Roads and Transport Sector

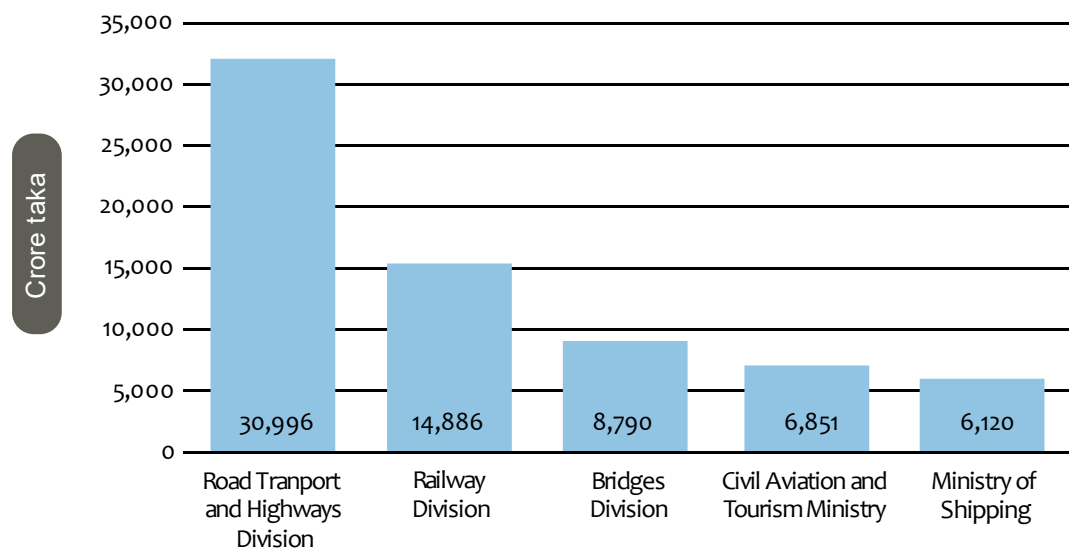


Source: Budget Speech 2022-23, 9 June 2022

3. Annual Development Plan and Allocation for the Roads and Transport Sector

In the annual development program in the budget 2022-23, the total allocation for road transport and bridges has been set at Tk. 67646 crore. In the 2022-23 budget, 83% of the total allocation in this sector will be spent on development projects. The Department of Road Transport and Highways and the Ministry of Railways share about 68% of the development budget in this sector.

Figure 3: Annual Development Plan and Allocation for the Roads and Transport Sector



Source: Annual Development Plan 2022-23

4. Conclusion

Eighth Five Year Plan targets development of the communication and port that are trade supportive. Under the railways master plan, constructions of 698.09 km new rail tracks, and construction of 648.51 km dual gauge / double rail line are targetted. Rail line renovation, construction of 9 important railway bridges, development of other infrastructures including level crossing gates, construction of inland container depot, construction and modernization of workshops, 160 locomotives, 1,604 passenger coaches, procurement of modern maintenance equipment, maintenance and extension of 222 stations have been undertaken for improving the quality of rail services. Successful implementation of the budget is very important to achieve these goals.