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## National Budget 2026–2027: Summary

### Science, Information and Communication Technology (ICT)

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## 1. Background

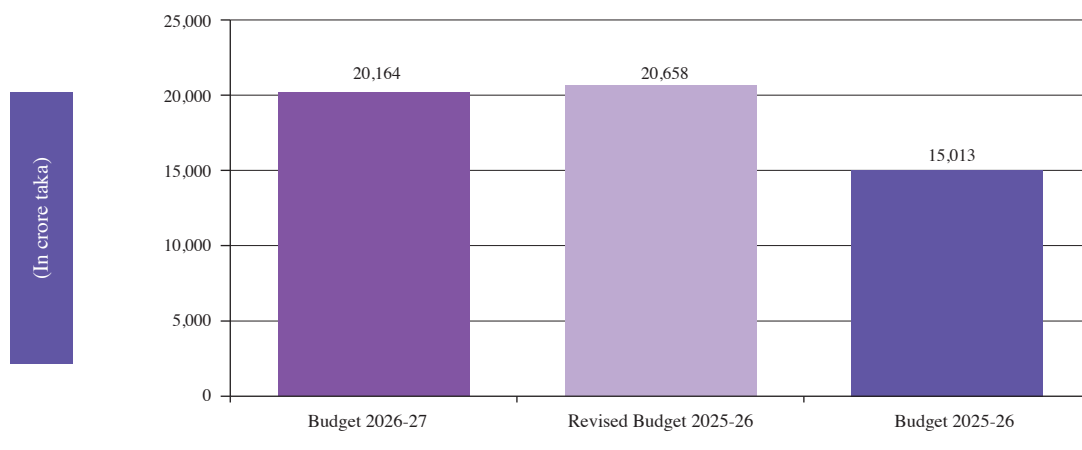
The current government is giving special priority to the science, information, and communication technology sector, identifying it as the new driving force of the country's economic growth. The current government's election manifesto also promised to create 2 lakh direct jobs in these five sectors - cybersecurity, BPO, AI-data, semiconductors, and Industry 4.0 - and another 8 lakh indirectly through freelancing and content creators, and to increase the contribution of the ICT sector to GDP from 5 to 10 per cent [1]. In that vein, the government is taking various steps to achieve the goal of building a future-oriented and technology-inclusive Bangladesh by utilising the rapid progress of Industrial Revolution 4.0 and artificial intelligence in the light of the 'Bangladesh First' policy.

Effective initiatives have already been taken to introduce PayPal to eliminate banking complications for freelancers in receiving foreign income. Under the plan of providing ID cards to two lakh (2,00,000) freelancers in the next five years, seven thousand five hundred (7,500) people have been given ID cards, and two thousand four hundred (2,400) people are being trained in artificial intelligence, machine learning, and virtual reality through the Bangladesh Hi-Tech Park Authority [2]. Initiatives have been taken to provide free Wi-Fi connection in one thousand five hundred (1,500) educational institutions and launch 'Edu-ID' for every student and teacher to reduce digital inequality. Targets have been set to ensure reliable high-speed internet for every citizen, regardless of city or village, implement a modern 'Connectivity Masterplan' in public-private partnership, and achieve 99.999 per cent network reliability [3]. Science, information, and communication technology have also been given one of the priorities in the budget for the FY2026–27.

## 2. Proposed Budget Allocation for the Science, Information and Communication Technology Sector in FY2026–27

In the current FY2025–26, the allocation for the Science, Information and Communication Technology sector was proposed at Tk 15,013 crore, which was 1.9 per cent of the total budget. This allocation was later increased in the revised budget to Tk 20,658 crore, which was 2.6 per cent of the revised total budget. In the upcoming FY2026–27 budget, the total proposed allocation for the Science, Information and Communication Technology sector stands at Tk 20,164 crore, which is 2.1 per cent of the total budget. That is, the allocation for the Science, Information and Communication Technology sector in the upcoming FY2026–27 budget has been reduced by 2.4 per cent compared to the revised budget of the current fiscal year.

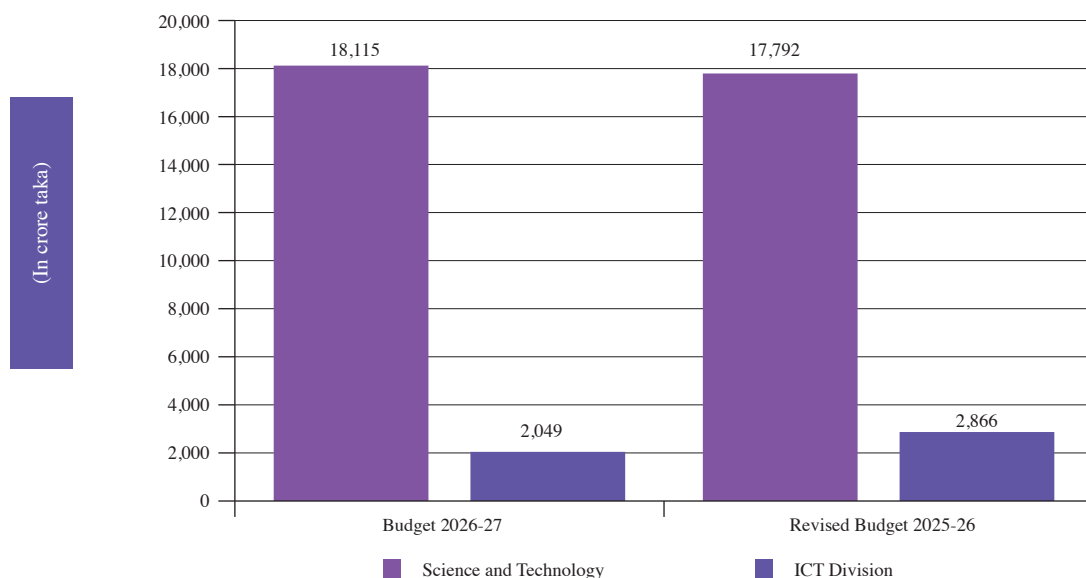
**Figure 1: Budget Allocation for the Science, Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Sector (in Amount and Percentage)**





Source: Budget Summary, 2026–27, Statement 2.

**Figure 2: Ministry/Division-wise Proposed Allocation for the Science, Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Sector**



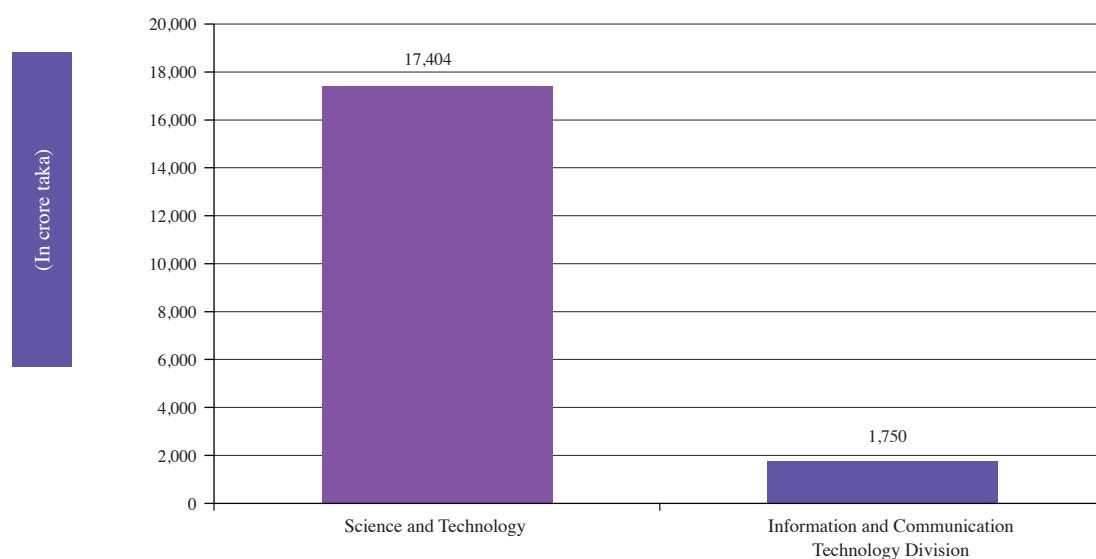
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In the upcoming FY2026–27 budget, the highest allocation within the Science, Information and Communication Technology sector has been proposed for the Ministry of Science and Technology, amounting to Tk 18,115 crore. On the other hand, an allocation of Tk 2,049 crore has been proposed for the Information and Communication Technology Division in the proposed budget.

### 3. Proposed Budget Allocations for the Science, Information and Communication Technology Sector under the ADP

Under the Annual Development Programme for FY2026–27, an allocation of Tk 19,154 crore has been proposed for the Science, Information and Communication Technology sector, of which 90.9 percent will be spent under the Ministry of Science and Technology (Figure 2). In addition, an allocation of Tk 1,750 crore has been proposed under the Annual Development Programme (ADP) for the Information and Communication Technology Division. In the revised budget for FY2025–26, the allocation for the Science, Information and Communication Technology sector under the Annual Development Programme was Tk 19,404 crore.

**Figure 3: Ministry/Division-wise Proposed Allocation in the Annual Development Programme (ADP)**



Source: Budget Summary, 2026–27, Statement 10.

### 4. Conclusion

To move forward in line with the world, there is no alternative to investing in the information and communication technology sector. It is essential to increase budget allocation in this sector, keeping in mind the development of a technology-based skilled workforce, the creation of an innovation-friendly environment, and, above all, the expansion of digital infrastructure. If a strong technological environment (ecosystem) can be built in the country by prioritising these priorities, it will play a key role in creating employment, increasing export earnings, and supporting sustainable economic development in the long run.

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 [4] Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) Manifesto.