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Sir:

We are grateful to you for approved our proposal to making a report. The subject of our report was “Problems of Footpath Business”. We have tried heart and soul to complete the report as a constructive and effective report.

Footpath business is very common but most complex problems of this city. Problems of footpath business may simple when we look it externally but it is very complex when we look it internally, how many problems create by this business we can classified it into three types, these are:-

- Problems for footpath businessmen.
- Problems for passer-by or general people.
- Problems for Government.

While working about the business we have seen lot of problems in the business like- misuse of power, the torture on the weak by the strong and mismanagement that not only creates problems but also increases its speed. We have known the words of businessmen these who are little capital over. We have heard the misery of passer-by. We have gone to City Corporation to know about the duties and planning. We have talked to specialized person and the professors of URP of BUET to seek better solution. Those all who have apologized that the solution of this problem is re-establishment. After all we have tried to make a good and effective report by innovating real information, if it is accepted; we could be a noble part of the work.

Many thanks to you, to give an opportunity to do such type of work; we have achieved a lot of knowledge and real experience to do the work. If any subject of the report is vague please you will contact us personally. We will try our level best to clear it.

Sincerely

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Executive Summary:

The business which is centered by footpath is called footpath business and the problems which are centered by the business are called problems of footpath business. We can divide the different faces of the problems in mainly three steps:

1. The problems of the business
2. The problems of passer-by, and
3. The Government problems.

Businessmen's Problems:

Litter capital by the businessmen, generally do the business by not getting another way. They maintain their family by their limited income on the other hand the powerful, greedy and dishonest police and terrorist take illegal money and normally they weaken the businessmen. The most of important of the problems are given blow-

- Bad natural weather.
- Giving money to different types of party.
- Giving money to dishonest police officer and terrorist.
- The governments take of from their shelter.

This types of businessmen who are unable to get solvency, want a safety place where they will be able to continue there business.

The Problems of passer-by:

The footpath is the way to walk but this is rear in this city. A various type of business has been buildup by the footpath as a result it is impossible for us to walk on the footpath. The businessmen take place not only the footpath and bus stop shelter but also foot over bridge. The passer-by walks on the car street for not getting the environment of walking on the footpath. They wait for bus in standing on the rood because of taking place the bus stop shelter. The passer-by pass the road in taking risk of life because of taking place the foot over bridge in their control. Now a day the business is not limited on the footpath over bridge and passenger shelter rather then they are doing their by covering the road (*Figure10:1*). So there is created an unbearable traffic jam and it is being spent the valuable time of the people. Many of the problems there are main problem are as follows-

- They do not walk on the footpath and do not stand in the passenger's shelter.
- This is unusable of foot over bridge so passer-by has to pass the road by taking risk of life.
- The availability of thief and spending of time.

Although there are a lot of problems of the footpath business but passer-by don't want to vanish the business. They want that, the government half them by giving their re-accommodation.

Government's Problems:

Bangladesh is a developing country and whose annual budget depends on in a large number of the foreign aids and loan. The limitation of income of this country is then low or little. The limitation of expenses is huge beside the incapability of the administration. This is why our capital city is one of the dirty cities of the world. Footpath business is one of the main causes for the problem. The government takes the step to remove the problem again and again but can not be success. RAJUK and City Corporation always try to avoid the problems. Following are the limitation of the government for what the government can not take suitable step:

- For spending lot of money.
- Lack of economical source.
- Limitation of power.
- Negative effect from Businessmen.

City corporation has buildup 111 markets in spite of a lot of problem and the institutions are optimistic that they will be able to solve all of the problems and to arrange the re-accommodation.

❖ **Introduction and Background:**

Footpath means the way of walking on foot. Besides the big streets which for walking, is called footpath. The trade which is centered by the footpath is called footpath business. Generally they continue their businesses that have a little capital. There are created many problems for this type of business for which passer-by forsake pain and sorrow and at the same time this is harmful for business. Again it is also a destroyer of beauty of city. Actually footpath is the way for man's walking, yet this kind of footpath in this city is rare. As a result the passers-by are to forbear a lot of difficulties. Besides this the business man can not conduct their business in their own sweet will here. Some times they are bound to give tax to the terrorist again some times to the dishonest police officer and some times they are to leave their shelter. But most of the cities are customer of the footpath businessman. Our main target is to submit a constructive proposal to solve the problem which we are presenting by turns.

The history of footpath business is in ancient times. In the early days of the city, the footpath business was in this city before Dhaka became the capital city of Bangladesh. Today the business has become an elaboration. In the opinion of some people the footpath business was seasonal such as the people would sell various types of fruits besides the road. Then gradually there is to build some shops for selling tea and betel leaf become a gathering place. Mainly the footpath business has become popular for the demand of the city people. If we go to old Dhaka we can see this business.

Another cause for the business is the increase in population in our country. If we see the condition of *Shadarghat* we will find the old history of the business. In the opinion of the local people, footpath business is a glory of the city and they have got it by tradition. This has been proved by the words of the home minister. "The businessman or hawker are our tradition and they are also voters of the city. Finally we can say, if the age of Dhaka is 400 years then the age of footpath business is old enough.

❖ **Objective of Report:**

Our main objective of the report is to give constructive suggestions to the related ministry for the reestablishment of footpath business. So that, the people get a nice investment to live. The businessman will continue their business safely and they have not to give any illegal money. Moreover the government will be able to give great tax from them. We are optimistic that this report will be helpful for the development of the social and financial condition of our country.

❖ **Methodology:**

Types of Data	Source of Data	Data Collectors
Primary Data	News Paper & Web site	Shariful Islam & Mahfujar Rahman
Secondary Data	Uttara, Gulistan, City Corporation, New Market, Banga Bazar, Shadargat etc	Sharif, Mahfuj, Sania, Sadia & Sharmistha.

Sample size: 50 Footpath Businessmen, 30 of Passer-by

Interview of Specialist: Dr. Roxana Hafiz Ahmed. (Dead of department URP of BUET) Mohammad Sirajul Islam, (Chief Town Planner of City Corporation) and Rajul korim, (OC of Uttara Model Thana) etc.

❖ **Time Budget:**

Activities	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week
• Information Collection	→			
• Information Gathering & jotting down		→		
• Report prepare			→	
• Finalization & Submission				→

❖ **Limitations:**

We have tried to complete the report heart and soul. But we think it could be more effective if we went enough the primary and secondary data source but when we completing the report we faced some limitation such as

- Lack of Primary data source.
- Un cordial behavior of interviewee.
- Seasonal effect of this Business
- Lack of time and exam.
- Unexpected eradication of this Businesses, etc.

❖ **Staffing Requirement:**

Name of Member	Contribution of Work
Md. Shariful Islam	Executive Summery, Introduction & Background, Objective, Conclusion & Recommendation and Bibliography of the report.
Md. Mahfujar Rahman	Time Budget, Staffing Requirement, Cost budget, all composing and Appendix of the Report.
Sania Sarmin	Businessmen's Problems of Findings part of the Report.
Sadia Naznin	Government's Problems of Findings part of the Report.
Sharmistha Ray	Problems of Passer-by of Findings part of the Report.

❖ **Cost Budget:**

Particulars	Amount
Transportation Cost	750
Meal Cost	600
communication cost	100
Printing & Binding cost	150
Others Cost	120
Total Coat	<u>1720</u>

Discussion Findings:

There are a lot of problems in the footpath business but we can divide the different faces of the problems in mainly three stages. These are Businessmen problems, Passer-by problems and Government problems. Description of this problem given below:

❖ ***Businessmen's Problems:***

A footpath businessman is a person who sells his goods on the footpath at any area in Dhaka city. Generally they continue their business that has a little capital. There are created many problems for this type of Business. For which passer-by forsake pain and sorrow and at the same time this is harmful for business. For an example- An old man whom he came from urban area in Dhaka City for founding his income source to maintain his family. But in Dhaka City there have sufficient source for income in this situation this old man also weak in physical site. After analysis all matter he doesn't work in any hard or strong sector. On the other hand he has not sufficient balance or capital to start any business. So he chose an easy sector to earn money that is footpath business. But there are many problems in this sector. There are given below—

◆ **Economical Risk:**

Footpath Businessmen's which has not sufficient money or capital to grow up his business. So that he work hard and soul and try to grow up his business. But there is a great problem in his business that is economical risk. Some time it is so high that Businessmen can not overcome this type of risk.

A footpath business Businessman invests a little money which is capital for his business. If in any days they can not sell products more or similar to their expectation and some of the products can be dust then they have fall in loss. for example in a particular sector if total production is more than total consumption and if there is no scope to reserve this product for future on next some days then this particular businessmen may suffer, Like- Banana seller.

◆ **Threat for Government:**

The footpath businessmen not only faced Economical risk but they are also face threat from government sector. Like—When Government people or sector are eradication footpath business then there is created many problem. Some time these kinds of eradication are stay two or more than two days. In the other hand they have no other option for earning money. So that they fall in economical risk like as trap. Their capitals are destroyed for this type

eradication; in generally they are very poor so, for this types of eradication they are become absence of property. They suffer in many problems. For the threat of government or eradication they are searching a new way to build up their business or income source. For that they choose wrong way. In that case the rules of nature, environment or the eradication are mortgaged. Its effect is also spread in surroundings area. Because when government eradicates the surroundings area for wide/spread their road size and footpath size to avoid traffic jam. But government can not imagine that are fearfulness for this poor people.

◆ **Threat from terrorist:**

footpath businessmen also threat from terrorist. They gave a ordered amount regularly or weakly or monthly to the terrorist. Some time it called “Mashwara”.

When Businessmen get threat from terrorist they can not complain any person. Because in every sector they have to give this type of “Mashwara”. If some days they have no income but they must have to give money to the terrorist. This is very effectively risk for Businessmen. They have a little income to maintain his family but most of money in his income is to give the terrorist.

The astonish mater is that, in the front of “Nagar Bhaban” there is a footpath and there is also situated footpath business and these businessmen also gave to a ordered amount to the terrorist. The amount of is too high for this types businessmen. The amount is up great into 70-200 per a day. But the income of businessmen is nothing in a day. They also know this people. They also said the name of terrorist and the amount of money which they pay to terrorist and dishonest police officers.

◆ **Threat from nature:**

Footpath business has various problem but the main problem in his business that is natural inclement. They ever can not overcome it.

In rainy season they suffer a lot. They can not improve or gain profit in this season. Customer demand is also low. Customer can not get out and footpath also covered with mud so that Businessmen can not sit on the footpath and their sell or business is holding on this day. So that they can not earn money and they can not feed their family. They also searching another work in this season or day but they can not get any work for huge unemployment people in this market or business sector.

But the thankful matter is it/this type of problem can not overcome because it’s a natural inclement.

◆ **Speech of police:**

Though the police are the people of government. But they are also involved with the terrorist. They also get illegal tax from the Businessmen. When they are involved with eradication they want to illegal money from the Businessmen. For this money they are give permission to sit again to create a footpath business. And government also knows the situation.

To ask about this matter to police officer name Md. Rezawl Korim, he said that “yes, some of police officer is include in this work. But they also take an action about this type of Police officer” we don’t see that type of work.

The police officer also said about this footpath business. They support this business but not on footpath, must be in a market area or registered by government.

Traffic police Hafiz also comment on this footpath business. He wants to eradicate this type of business. He also complains against this business. Because this business is create traffic jam. So that traffic police are suffer from a lot. He also fruited about the Businessmen.

Another police officer Salim, he supported to this business. He said that “these Businessmen are so poor and helpless to support his family. So this type of business is help to support his livelihood. But they show have choose the right place. He also said that footpath is not a business place. It’s a place which is use for walking for passer-by. So Businessmen should be understood the problem of passer-by. And beside this government, also should take a proper action for the Businessmen to footpath business”.

Police officer also said that they have also some barriers. So they do not any work in their deep of mind. They also want to help to these poor businessmen of footpath in Dhaka City.

◆ **Speech of Businessmen:**

In footpath, the people which he trade centered by footpath, this people are known by Businessmen. They have many demand or applicable speech to the government. They want to a specific place to trade their products or create their business.

To ask the situation and demand about their business the a Businessmen name—Mr. Mokaddis said that they want a right and specific place where people demand high and were they have not to gave money to the terrorist or police. Where they has not scarred about government. Eradication and they do their work peacefully

Another Businessman also said that they want to stooped terrorist or police persecution/irritation.

All the Businessmen are hopeful to the government. That their demand will be fulfilled and they start their business in their own style with government, Rules and regulation.

◆ **Speech of expert:**

Knowing this problem of footpath business and Businessmen expert or government. Has also some speech. Expert speech is not against from Businessmen’s business. So that expert are tried to build up different type market and select a suitable place for Businessmen’s business. To ask any information and suggestion about this footpath business, Chief engineer Jahangir Alam said that, “We worked on government order. We all know the problem and discuss in us about this problem. But there are many barriers. So we need more time to solve this problem. But we are not silent; we already take many actions to the footpath business.

Mohammad Sirajul Islam also said that, “we also arrange different type and different type rules regulation system market like- holiday market that is helpful hawker. It’s use only for holiday and only for footpath Businessmen in Dhaka city”.

He also said that, “In footpath business there is many problem. Mainly this problem is harmful for Businessmen. By this problem not only Businessmen but also general people and the surroundings environment are distress” All the expert and government also can not deny the problem footpath businessmen. They are wants to overcome this problem by helping these Businessmen. So that they are doing their business with peaceful not disturbing surroundings area.

❖ *Passer-by’s Problems:*

Footpath business is limited not only in footpath but start they sit they are business occupying beside the street and start the business. Without it many problems is faced such as accident and traffic jam. Many times general people fall upon the product for the business of footpath business due to over crowded.

◆ **Sugar cane crashing:**

Generally sugar cane crashing business is being side the main road. Sugar cane crashing businesses have advantage and disadvantage this business are the side the road so problem is man. The business as a result cause of people boring. (*Figure:10:2*)

- 1) **Unhealthy environment:** Many problem are to be faced as they business beside the road. They are destroy the environment fully throwing different type of refuse and wastes in this unhygienic environment for the people physically and mentally harmful.
- 2) **Problem of stand:** Main road are moving for the vehicle and people but the problem is this business not only captured the footpath but also they capture half of the main road. Some time the business capture the bus stop as a result people can not stand there, the people are faced to danger step by step.
- 3) **Insufficient pass shad and illegal occupant:** Businessmen's are pass shad illegal occupying for the reason passer is not stand there. It causes passer feel's sorrow and problem.
- 4) **Traffic jam:** Traffic jam is a common affair in the man. The causes of traffic are many problems
 - If kills our valuable time and our works are hampered it causes great suffering to the ambulance carrying dying patients and the fire brigade vehicles.
 - Traffic police should not yet properly open the system as a result happen the traffic jam.

The other problems are:-

- Problems occur on passing street.
- The pick pockets pick pocket.
- The area of the street is congested by footpath business.
- They do not walk on the footpath and do not stand in the passenger's shelter.
- This is unusable of foot over bridge so we have to pass the road by taking risk of life.
- The availability of thief and spending of time.

◆ **Threat of life:**

Really the footpath business gives falling in danger situation to general people. It is danger situation to general people. It is unexpected true that, not only footpath but also over bridge the business is occurring. This is why the people walk upon main road. As a result there is an accident. On making statistics it is seen that, such types of accident happened by such type of

causes. Unexpected death even some time handicapped are happened. Man loss the working power due to only this business. It shows great challenge in our life by footpath business.

❖ **Speech of passer by:**

Asking the Businessmen and traffic police that Businessmen's want that their business will remain in fined placed. As it they are settled in a fined placed. They do not want to business sitting beside the street. As a result they not faced problem but also general people. On the other hand the opinion of traffic police if government take their responsibility so that, jam do not happen such type. General people move Wally and there is no problem on moving vehicle. However passer-by wants to a better solution of this problem. Like as:-

However this traffic police: Most enough sincere the traffic police. It that Businessmen are not starts business beside the road look up the point. If the traffic police not take illegal way honestly follows the government rules and command. At first essential to keep honest and punctual of enough should be solved by adopting some measures. Well planned spacious roads should be constructed. After doing all these we can hope to have a good traffic system for our easy and comfortable movement.

What to doing the local public: People should be alert so that the Businessmen's business can not be run beside the road.

❖ **Government's Problems:**

Bangladesh is the most densely populated country in the world. In this over populated country has too small capital to support their vast population. This country poverty problem is a huge problem in this reason government can not easily solve this problem because not only poverty problem there are lots of problem related each other. Footpath business is the small business to related poor people but if government can take proper step then this business can be developed. But small capital is the major problem in Bangladesh. So government help lane from other foreign country to invest money to solve big or major problem. The government wants to take activities but they can not do that properly because they have not enough economical resource. So government can face economical problem and can not take a proper budget distribution for this footpath business social people can not incurious this footpath business then government also escape or avoid it and can not take proper activities.

◆ **Economical Problem:**

As a less develop country Bangladesh depends on the other country. So when government makes a budget they invest their lots of money various source and that's reason they can't expenses enough money for this footpath business.

Lost Money for Various Purposes: Government lost a lot of money for the eradicate activity and some times government take step and they call police to remove this footpath business. Besides the government also spends a lot of money about this business but unfortunately they can not be success for their ineffective plan.

Re-accommodation Cost: Government through they make re-accommodation for the footpath business and take lost lots of money and when the government want to take activity for this businessmen's re-accommodation then the government face many barrier like, lack of economical source, negative effect from this people etc. Other hand in Dhaka city land are not available besides land cost is very high and if other has cost like tax, transportation etc. so government has not huge money to making a re-accommodation and it is very risk to government to making re-accommodation.

Lack of Source: To success a big plan financial support is very essential. Government has not enough sources to make a re-accommodation so without source government can not take any risk to making re-accommodation. Government various time take a plan in the budget but source are very small. As a result government can not success their plan because of source. Footpath business related to the poor people it buyer or seller both are poor people so that's why big or foreign source thought all-time negative way it is major problem. For the government to cost or budget for re-accommodation.

◆ **Bad Effect from people:**

In this modern age, people are very strong and their conscious mind develop their own country but some time people negative thought impact for the government and create crush the government plan to their work break clown. If we follow carefully then we saw Bangladesh government lots of time plan to making re-accommodation but general people society. Hawker society, Hawker society negative thought create various occurrence like revolution, strike, broking vehicles etc. and for this type of negative effect from this people government can not take proper plan to solve this problem.

◆ **Government Activities:**

To develop footpath business lots of time government make a plan but they can not success their plan "RAJUK" and "City Corporation" is the important role to solve this footpath business. But to making responsibility how their conscious about footpath business it was a big question. When we talk to contract City Corporation then they told they made lots of market to developed footpath business but they can not control. Because of day to day people increase and that's why demand and supply also increase for this footpath business.

City Corporation divided two separated parts and no elective deputy or subordinated so that future working plans is stop over delay. Chief Town Planner Mohammad Sirajul Islam in city Corporation opinion is they have some limitation such as some responsibility maintain RAJUK and include some responsibility LGED also. Beside they have restraint or limitation to the economical source for that reason their plan can not successes. They gone made "111" markets for the hawker to establish the footpath business. Such as New market, Rajdahni Super Market, Neelkhet, Banga Bazar, Hawker Market etc.

City Corporation divided two separated for that reason present working plan delay to making or planning footpath business.

◆ **Barriers to take proper action:**

To develop footpath business government arrange re-accommodation but when they thought to take re-accommodation arrange then proper place is very important but in this Dhaka City has no enough place besides some place include to the RAJUK so that government feel arises to making re-accommodation.

As a old town Dhaka city over populated all the time and day to day increase population. For this reason demand and supply also increase. To fulfill demand increase footpath business broadly. Footpath business demand not only lower class people but also all kinds of people fell demand to the footpath business. For the migration day to day people increase in the Dhaka city so that government can not ensure re-accommodation for these lots of population.

◆ **Speech of Expert person about City:**

To develop footpath business government should try to ensure re-accommodation, because without re-accommodation we can not solve this problem.

Roxana Hafiz Ahmed (Head of the department URP of BUET) said that. Only solution is re-accommodation. She also thought that there is on sufficient place to making re-accommodation. Besides financial source is the major.

Barriers to solve this problem: Lastly or finally government should take proper step to discuss. City Corporation, RAJUK and leader of the Businessmen's how the problem solves and arranges to make re-accommodation.

Conclusion & Recommendation:

Problems of footpath business are not a new problem of this city. It is most old problem of this city. So, we can call it traditional problems of the Dhaka city. We can not deny that, the footpath business continues in many developed counties. But in our country it is most unplanned and it increasing day by day as a result business already crossed the limitation of bear.

However, after analyzing all of the problems of footpath business, from various sides like businessmen's side, passer-by's side and government's side. We looks that, nobody want to that, the business will be eliminate but everybody want the business will drive in specific area. And every one said that the only one solution of the business is the re-accommodation or reestablishment. There are some problem when the government wants to re-establish the business, after all we think that, if the government really want to re-accommodation of the business then they should do some work and theses are,

- Keep proper statistic of footpath businessmen
- Adjust between RAJUK and City Corporation and other related institute.
- Organize a meeting or conference with specialist person, representative of footpath businessmen RAJUK and City Corporation etc.
- To manage for re-accommodation and distribute property.

The City Corporation already makes more then 111 markets in this city for footpath businessmen. But reality is that, more of the snoopers of these markets get many political leaders. But we think if the government follows the types then next activities will be success.

Despite there is being created various types of problem by footpath business, nobody wants to closed the business. For the business the government has taken many steps but the govt.

the function for creating it we have to gate in three types of loss again and again. Such as govt. spends a lot of money for closing the business but after a few days the people establish it again. As a result it is not only spending money for the govt. but also spending money for the hawker. Again the customers fall in danger. So as a conscious citizen we think this is our responsibility to include our selves to solve all the problems of the footpath business. So we want to make a constructive report by auditing deeply and to help the govt. we optimistic that you will give permeation and inspire us to take part in this noble work.

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Appendix:

URP= Urban Regulation Planning

BUET= Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology



Figure: 10:1

Figure: 10:2

Enclose:

Documentary Photos:



Footpath Business
Bhaban



Group interview of Businessman



footpath Business in front of Nagar



Sharif taking interview of Sirajul Islam
Business



Nagar Bhaban



A road that affected by footpath