

Bangladesh

The Test Case for Development

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UNITS AND MEASURES

In the text we have used a number of measures commonly employed in Bangladesh, but which may not be familiar to all foreign readers:

1 crore = 10 million

1 lakh = 100,000

1 maund = 82.2 lb

1 seer = 2.1 lb

1 bale = 400 lb

1 bigha = approximately one-third of an acre

The Taka replaced the Rupee as the name of the currency after Bangladesh was created. Its rate of exchange was fixed at approximately Taka 19 = £1 sterling until May 1975, when it was devalued to Taka 30 = £1.