



Life Sketch of Honorable Minister,
Dr. Muhammad Abdur Razzaque

Ministry of Food & Disaster Management
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Dr. Muhammad Abdur Razzaque, son of late Md Jalal Uddin was born at Musuddi village under Madhupur upazila of Tangail district in Bangladesh on February 1, 1950. His father was a government employee under Research Wing of the then Pakistan Agriculture Department. His mother Mrs Rajia Khatun is a traditional Bangali housewife.

Dr. Razzaque passed S.S.C Examination from Dhanbari Nawab Institute in 1965. He did his B.Sc(Ag) in 1971 and M.Sc(Ag) in 1972 from Bangladesh Agricultural University, Mymensingh, Bangladesh. Then he went to USA to obtain a higher degree. He completed Ph.D in 1983 from Purdue University, USA in Agronomy.

Besides, Dr. Razzaque got higher training on 'Farming System Research' from East Anglia University in U.K, 'Integrated Agriculture and Rural Development' from United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, 'Strategies for Sustainable Agricultural Development' organized by JICA in Japan and 'Transfer of Technology' from Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET), Dhaka, Bangladesh. He is one of the authors of the famous book titled 'Methodology Guidelines for Farming Systems Research and Development in Bangladesh' published by Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council BARC, Dhaka, Bangladesh. He was engaged as editor of different scientific documents published by BARC during his service period. About 45 research-based papers of Dr. Razzaque have so far been published in different Journals in home and abroad.

Dr. Abdur Razzaque started his professional career as a scientific officer of BARC. He was the national coordinator of 'Integrated Farming System Research and Development' and successfully completed his duties with efficiently. He was promoted to the rank of chief scientific officer of BARC. He resigned from service in August 2001 and took part in politics actively.

Dr. Razzaque has widely travelled different countries, including United Kingdom, USA, China, France, Belgium, Japan, South Africa, Ginny, Thailand, Malaysia, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Singapore, Indonesia, Philippines and Srilanka.

Dr. Razzaque was a political activist from his student life. In 1969 as a student of Bangladesh Agricultural University, he took part in 6 and 11- point mass movement in 1969 and was arrested by the Pakistan government for being involved in the movement. He was elected as the General Secretary and subsequently the President of Bangladesh Chatra league (Bangladesh Student League) of Bangladesh Agricultural University unit. He was also the member of central executive committee of Bangladesh Chatra League. He took part in the liberation war in 1971 and shown his brave, courage and devotion to the nation. He was elected as the General Secretary of Bangladesh Agricultural University Central Student Union (BAUCSU) during 1972-73. Dr. Razzaque is now the Agricultural and Cooperative Secretary of central committee of Bangladesh Awami League.

Dr. Md. Abdur Razzaque contested in the Parliamentary Election held in 2001 as a candidate of Bangladesh Awami League from Modhupur area of Tangail district and was elected as the Member of Parliament. He worked as the member of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Ministry of Agriculture and Estimate Committee during 8th Parliament. He visited different countries as a delegation of Parliamentary Committee as MP.

Dr. Razzaque engaged himself in socio-economic development of his local area from his student life. In 1967 he played a pioneer role to establish a social welfare club named ``Progoti Sangho" in his village. Musuddi High School was established through this club in 1969 under his dynamic leadership which was treated as class one educational institute of Modhupur-Dhanbari area of Tangail district. It was a long term dreams of the people this area that Dhanbari will have to be an Upazila. Dr. Razzaque also played a pioneer role to establish Dhanbari as thana in 1998 during Awami League lead government and in 2001 it was decided that Dhanbari will upgraded as administrative unit as Upazila.

Dr. Razzaque was the elected General Secretary of Bangladesh Krishibid Institution (a professional association of agricultural graduates) for the 1996-97 tenure. He is a member of American Society of Agronomy, Bangladesh Association for the Advancement of Science (BAAS), Bangladesh Agronomy Society, Bangladesh Horticulture Society, Bangladesh Krishibid Institutions and many other organizations in different capacity.

Dr. Razzaque has again been elected the Member of Parliament from the constituency Tangail-1 (Modhupur-Dhanbari Upazila) in the 9th Parliament Election on December 29, 2008. He was appointed as the Minister on January 6, 2008 and has been given the charge of the Ministry of Food and Disaster Management.

Dr. Razzaque's wife Ms Shirin Akhtar Banu did her Masters degree with honours in Political Science from University of Dhaka and serving as Assistant Professor and Head of the Department in Abu Jar Gifari College, Dhaka. Rezwon Shahriar Sumit and Rezwon Shahnewaz Sujit are two sons and Rosen is daughter of Dr. Abdur Razzaque and his wife Mrs. Shirin Banu.

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