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Kazi Shofiqul Azam joined the Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Finance on 28 December 2016 as the Secretary (in charge). Having joined the Bangladesh Civil Service as a member of Audit and Accounts cadre in 1983, he held several important positions in different Ministries and Divisions of the government. Immediately before taking the current assignment, he served in the same division as Additional Secretary and headed World Bank wing and Administration & Middle East Wing one after another. He actually started his journey in ERD in January 2012 as a Joint Secretary. Prior to that, he served as Joint Secretary (Budget) in Finance Division, Director (Finance) in BSFIC, Deputy Secretary (Development Budget) in Finance Division, Additional Controller General of Accounts, Director (Finance) of National Nutrition Project, Director, Works Audit Directorate, Chief Accounts Officer in Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare etc.

He also has three years experience of working as a National Consultant (Project Accounting Specialist) of Financial Management Reform Programme (FMRP) of Ministry of Finance on lien. Furthermore, he audited four Bangladesh missions abroad and SAARC Agricultural Center in Dhaka. He worked as a member of the Boards of Directors of Basic Bank Ltd., Tele Talk Bangladesh Ltd., Padma Oil Company Ltd., Meghna Petroleum Ltd. and Investment Corporation of Bangladesh.

As Secretary (in charge), ERD, he represents the government in different local, regional and global platforms to steer the development effectiveness agenda. He is an Alternate Governor of World Bank Group and Asian Development Bank. He acts as the National Designated Authority (NDA) to the Green Climate Fund.

He is a member of Board of Directors of International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (iccd,b) and the Chairman of Infrastructure Development Company Limited (IDCOL) and Infrastructure Investment Facilitation Company (IIFC).

He obtained his Bachelor and Masters degrees from the Department of Finance, University of Dhaka. He also holds an INTOSAI Development Initiative (IDI) Diploma on Course Design and Instructional Technique organized by Asian Organization of Supreme Audit Institute in Bangkok and has been recognized as an IDI Training Specialist.

He is a prolific lecturer on rules & regulation governing budgeting & expenditure control, fund release procedure, delegation of financial power etc. He regularly attends various courses as a lecturer in Financial Management Academy, Bangladesh Planning and Development Academy, Bangladesh Civil Service (Admn.) Academy and Police Staff College.

He is also widely known for his literary works. His works are regularly published in national dailies and in 'Omar Ekushe Book Fair' for last couple of years. So far he has authored seven books.

Kazi Shofiqul Azam is married. Gardening, travelling and writing are his favorite passtime.