

A tale of rickshaw-city !

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A wonderful weather, gentle breeze- no doubt you will feel to roam around the city by rickshaw with no time limit and no specific destination. Two persons seating closer on a seat- sometimes rickshaw gives a nice scope to bring closer the two different soul. This is one reason of how rickshaw takes place in our emotions.

Now, can someone tell what would be the feasible rickshaw fare from Mirpur-10 to Pallabi Bus Stand ? Is it Tk. 10 or Tk. 15 ? If it is Tk. 15, I do not mind at all to pay that but if the actual fare is Tk.10 then why should I spend extra Tk.5 everyday !

Above is actually everyday's chaos with rickshaw-puller at the starting to end of the day for short to medium distance traveling. Road surveys telling that Rickshaws are an important cause of heavy traffic. Rickshaws are having limited routes than before but traffic jam is still painful.

The fact is rickshaw's are not obsolete and we are dependable on it very much. So, rickshaws are moving around the city, becoming a part of our daily life without having any visible control – specially on rickshaw fare, rickshaw stands. This is of course not very much appreciated.

When gas/oil price hike occurs and that causes a increase in bus, taxi fare, we place our verse on it. These can even become a political issues also, whereas everyday the middle class people- office workers, students are facing such problems. Govt. never bother even for a mini control board for rickshaws.

I also personally agree to limited rickshaw routes more and gradually. If there are rules for bus/taxi fare then it also required for rickshaws- this is viable for both rickshaw-pullers and passengers. No wonder, where we do not have a specific bus stoppage how can we expect a rickshaw stoppage! If our footpaths are spacious enough, clean and well constructed, we would prefer to walk for short distances rather taking rickshaws. We could have make us already a occasional rickshaw traveler if Govt took some wise steps meanwhile.

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