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## **Thrust on addressing compliance issue in industrial units**

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Speakers at a round-table discussion Wednesday stressed the need for addressing the compliance issue in the industrial units of the country to reap further benefit.

There is an urgent need of addressing the compliance issue in the industrial units of readymade garments (RMG), pharmaceuticals, handicrafts, jute, shrimp, tea and leather in order to establish these sectors on a strong basis, they said.

The speakers, however, urged private and public policy makers to be aware of their corporate social responsibility.

The speakers said these at the 16th round table on 'corporate social responsibility (CSR) practices and challenges in Bangladesh' organised by the CSR centre at the Bangladesh Enterprise Institute (BEI) in the city Wednesday.

Muhammad Abdul Moyeen, professor, department of management studies of Dhaka University and also a director of the Prime Group, Ronald E Berghuys, chief technical advisor, International Labour Organisation (ILO), and Edward Probir Mondol, faculty and coordinator, college of business administration of IUBAT, presented key-note papers at the round-table discussion.

Speaking at the round-table, Farooq Sobhan, president of BEI, said they are preparing codes of conduct of CSR for the RMG and shrimp sectors of the country.

"We have already prepared CSR code of conduct for the banking sector," he said.

Presenting the key-note paper on CSR, Muhammad Abdul Moyeen, stressed the need for arranging professional training for skill development of the employees and providing treatment facility, maternity leave and freedom to be involved with association.

He also stressed the need for providing workers the personal protection equipment and initiation of steps for prevention of abusive behaviour.

Ronald E Berghuys in his paper said 98 per cent of all identified working children are in hazardous work in Bangladesh.

The Royal Kingdom of the Netherlands funding for 'National Time Bound Programme' and 'Urban Informal Economy programme' to be implemented by December 2011 will help to address the problem, he mentioned.

Edward Probir Mondol, presenting a paper, said unskilled labour and unhygienic way of shrimp transportation and preservation need to be addressed soon.

It has been alleged that vast track of mangrove forest has been devastated in Chokoria, Cox's Bazaar, for preparing beds for shrimp cultivation, he mentioned.