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### **References:**

(a) (20090925) The Bihar Project and the System Dynamics Seminar in Dhaka, Bangladesh  
<http://tinyurl.com/yc37qz7>

(b) (20091002) (1) Construction of Bangladesh simulation model and (2) Possible System Dynamic seminar in Guyana  
<http://tinyurl.com/yc2ahcq>

### **Dear Dr. Hossain:**

(1) Many thanks for your msg (**ATTACHMENT I**).

(2) System Dynamics methodology would be most suitable for the simulation model you wish to have.

I would then suggest to attend the following seminar;

Workshop on An Integrated Approach to Address the  
Impacts of Climate Change in Bangladesh  
October 7 – 8, 2009, Spectra Convention Centre, Dhaka  
<http://tinyurl.com/y9ck3d6>

BTW, this was mentioned in the Reference (a) above.

Pls contact Dr. Qu for your attendance ASAP.

(3) Pls visit the following web site for more paper written by Prof. Jay W. Forrester, the initiator of the System Dynamics methodology;

<http://sdg.scripts.mit.edu/publications.html>

**Dear Hans, Dennis and other e-Colleagues:**

(4) Pls feel free to contact Dr. Hossain if you can help him.

**Dear Dr. R. C. Sharma and Moti:**

(5) Many thanks for your msg (**ATTACHMENT II**) in response to the Reference (b) above.

I am awfully sorry for my quite embarrassing confusion.

**Dear Dr. R. C. Sharma:**

(6) You may contact Alex Rivas at the University of Amazonas who did our GLH videoconferences together, which was mentioned in the Reference (b) above, since he know almost everybody in distance education academics in Amazon area.

(7) When you wish to contact UNAMAZ (Association of Universities in Amazon), you may contact Marco Antonio, who is a former director of higher education division of UNESCO and who came from Brazil.

Keep in touch.

Best, Tak

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## **ATTACHMENT I**

**From:** "Dr. Md. Altaf Hossain" <[altajolly@yahoo.com](mailto:altajolly@yahoo.com)>  
**Date:** Sat, 3 Oct 2009 03:41:52 -0700 (PDT)  
**To:** Tak Utsumi <[utsumi@columbia.edu](mailto:utsumi@columbia.edu)>  
**Subject:** RE: help needed to construct a simulation model to assess soil and land degradation in Bangladesh

Dear Dr. Utsumi

I am a Bangladesh working in the Soil Resource Development Institute (SRDI) under the Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of Bangladesh. We have generated a huge data set about soil and land resources in Bangladesh which includes point data on physical and chemical (fertility) parameters. What we need is simulation model to predict soil degradation to identify the areas of intervention in scenario of global climate change. I am eager to know how you/your organization can help us in this regard.

Thanking you.

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## **ATTACHMENT II**

**From:** Dr R C Sharma <[rcsharma@ignou.ac.in](mailto:rcsharma@ignou.ac.in)>  
**Date:** Sat, 3 Oct 2009 08:23:04 -0500  
**To:** Tak Utsumi <[utsumi@columbia.edu](mailto:utsumi@columbia.edu)>  
**Subject:** Re: [gu-new] (20091002) (1) Construction of

Bangladesh simulation model and (2) Possible System  
Dynamic seminar in Guyana

Dear Professor Tak,  
Greetings,  
Thanks for your advice. I shall explore about it further.

And no, Professor Moti Sharma and me have not changed  
our names. Incidentally our surnames are same. He is  
much senior to me, he has seen more life and world than  
me.

with best regards  
ramesh c sharma

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