

Disposal

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Another setback for the anti-graft body is that not all 32 special judges' courts, including 13 in Dhaka, are fully functional.

The trial proceedings at seven out of 10 special courts created during the army-backed caretaker government have been suffering for not having stenographers, court sources said. These courts hire stenographers from others to function.

There are instances that some of these tribunals didn't dispose a single case in a year, said the ACC director general.

Against these backdrops, those accused of corruption go about their lives as usual without worrying about punishment, which raises questions about the effectiveness of the ACC.

For example, a Tk-7.37 crore misappropriation case was filed against high-ups of the coastguard in 1998. Eighteen years have gone, but the case filed by the defunct bureau is yet to see trial because of a writ filed that year.

In August this year, the HC vacated the writ, which was followed by the arrest of the then director general and a director of the coastguard. Now the ACC has to complete a probe and then file a charge-sheet for the trial to begin.

The ACC's activities got momentum in 2007-08 during the caretaker government when a total of 1,680 FIR (first information report) was filed with different police stations and charge sheets were submitted in 567 cases.

At the end of the caretaker government's rule in 2009, the number of pending cases stood at 780. Between 2009 and 2015, the ACC got verdicts in 2,025 cases.

"On many occasions, we've seen that both the High Court and special courts delayed judgments. They fix a date for judgment and defer it on the day of delivering the verdict," Moyeedul said.

A high official of the law ministry admitted it. The ACC has asked the authorities concerned to relieve the special courts of additional duties, Moyeedul said, meaning that they would only hold the proceedings of graft cases.

Law minister

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Anisul was addressing a press conference at his secretariat office.

In a message on Monday, the chief justice blamed the "dual rule" for hampering the judicial work and increased sufferings of litigants, and sought restoration of the Supreme Court's full control over lower courts to bring an end to the prevailing situation.

Article 116 of the 1972 constitution had given the SC power to control postings, promotions and grant of leave of lower court judges. It could also discipline judicial service employees, and control the magistrates' exercise of judicial power.

The law minister said article 96 of the 1972 constitution that empowered parliament to remove SC judges for incapacity or misbehavior had been restored through the 16th constitutional amendment, but the HC scrapped it.

The HC in its judgment observed that the amendment was a historical mistake and yet the chief justice seeks restoration of article 116 of the 1972 constitution, he said.

Article 116 of the present constitution says, "The control (including the power of posting, promotion and grant of leave) and discipline of persons employed in the judicial service and magistrates exercising judicial functions shall vest in the President and shall be exercised by him in consultation with the Supreme Court."

The president determines the postings and promotions of lower court judges and grants them leave in consultation with the SC and the law ministry plays a role of a bridge between the president and the SC in this regard, added Anisul.

He, however, said the government would bring changes to article 116 for the sake of independence of the judiciary and democracy if deemed necessary.

The government has already taken steps to appoint judges to fill vacant posts in lower courts, the minister told reporters.

Choudhury Manik and Justice Gobinda Chandra Tagore also ordered the deputy commissioner of Patuakhali to have the Kuakata sea beach demarcated immediately by a special committee.

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Meanwhile, Ershad, whose party is a key ally in the Awami League-led alliance government, yesterday urged his party colleagues to strengthen the JP to achieve success in the next national elections.

"People want change and to see the Jatiya Party in power. There is a chance. As we are always in favour of polls, we will participate in the elections no matter who will take part or not," he said.

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