



Message

An independent, impartial and effective judiciary is the sine qua non for a democratic society proclaiming rule of law. As an important organ of the State, judiciary has the ultimate responsibility to enforce and upgrade rule of law. Through the power of judicial review, the judiciary of Bangladesh plays pivotal role in establishing and promoting rule of law in the country.

The judiciary, with its system of laws and institutions, is responsible for the protection of the rights of individuals to live, work and enjoy fundamental freedoms. In this sense, the judiciary forms the foundation of social justice and equality, which is essential for good governance. The incorporation of Bill of Rights in our Constitution, conferment of the power of judicial review and the power to enforce fundamental rights have enabled our judiciary to play a profoundly catalytic role. By expanding the frontiers of judicial review, and by being creatively proactive, the judiciary has drawn upon the resources in our Constitution to promote social change towards social justice.

Article 111 of the Constitution of Bangladesh proclaims the doctrine of binding judicial precedent. Under Article 112, all executive and Judicial authorities are mandated to act in aid of the Supreme Court. Our courts have provided vital judicial precedents in different areas of law. In addition to other principles of law, the doctrine of legitimate expectation in Bangladesh has developed through such judicial precedents.

For determining the real position of law, it is indispensable to be acquainted with the day-to-day legal developments with the help of a reliable source so that individuals concerned, with law's application in practical life, can knowledgeably contribute to the society and uphold justice. The Supreme Court Online Bulletin

(SCOB) endeavors to act as a vast archive of the landmark decisions of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh. By compiling the important judgments of the Appellate Division and the High Court Division, SCOB is providing ready case references to the members of legal community and the people at large. This online bulletin has made it a lot easier for the interested legal minds to get access to the most recent and important judicial pronouncements for free. SCOB has been designed to have the widest appeal to those interested in law and will surely provide an opportunity for them to keep abreast of the leading cases of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh.

I sincerely believe that this online publication will render immense help to the judges, lawyers, researchers, academicians, students and policy makers by providing them with the opportunity to educate and inform themselves about the most significant and recent legal principles enunciated by the Supreme Court through its different judgments.

In conclusion, I would like to extend my appreciation to the editors, Mr. Justice Sheikh Hassan Arif and Mr. Justice Md. Zakir Hossain, and the research team for their tireless efforts in publishing SCOB. I look forward to the continued and unwavering success of this reliable online law report.

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