

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH  
HIGH COURT DIVISION  
(SPECIAL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)**

**Writ Petition No. 988 of 2023.**

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

An application under Article 102 of the  
Constitution of the People's Republic of  
Bangladesh.

-And-

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

Soto Khokon @ Milon @ Sheikh Mahbub  
Ahmmed.

...Petitioner

**-V E R S U S-**

Government of the People's Republic of  
Bangladesh, represented by the Secretary,  
Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary  
Affairs and others.

.....Respondents

Mr. Md. Mesbahul Islam Asif, Advocate

.....For the petitioner.

Mr. Sk. Shaifuzzaman, DAG with

Ms. Rehana Sultana, AAG and

Mr. Md. Samiul Alam Sarkar, AAG and

Mr. Ashique Rubaiat, AAG and

Ms. Zulfia Akhter, AAGs

.... For the respondents

**Present:**

***Mr. Justice K.M. Kamrul Kader***

***And***

***Mr. Justice Khizir Hayat***

**Heard and Judgment On: 31.01.2024.**

**K. M. Kamrul Kader, J :**

On an application under Article 102 of the Constitution of the  
People's Republic of Bangladesh this Rule Nisi was issued on  
05.02.2023, in the following terms:

*“Let a Rule Nisi be issued calling upon the  
respondents to show cause as to why the judgment and  
decree dated 12.09.2022 (decree signed on  
15.09.2022) passed by the learned Judge of the Land  
Survey Tribunal, Satkhira in Land Survey Tribunal  
Case No.1393 of 2020 decreeing the suit in part  
(Annexure-C and C-1) should not be declared to have  
been done without lawful authority and is of no legal*

*effect and/or such other or further order or orders pass as to this Court may seem fit and proper.”*

This Rule Nisi was issued on the ground that the Government has not yet been established any Land Survey Appellate Tribunal under Section 145B of the SAT Act. Due to this reason, the petitioner has failed to redress his grievance by filing appeal against the order, judgment and decree passed by the concerned Tribunal.

Mr. Sk. Shaifuzzaman, learned Deputy Attorney General submits that the government has already been published Gazette for establishing Land Survey Appellate Tribunal in different districts and the petitioner of the writ petition may redress his grievance by filing appeal, before the respective Land Survey Appellate Tribunal of the respective district and as such, he prays for discharging the Rule.

It appears that in the meantime the Government has already established the Land Survey Appellate Tribunal in the respective districts vide Gazette notification dated 11.07.2023 to hear the appeal arising out of judgment and decree and/or order of the Land Survey Tribunal in different districts. Considering the facts and circumstances of the matter, we are of the view that the petitioner may redress his grievance by filing appeal, before the Land Survey Appellate Tribunal, Satkhira and as such, the Rule issued by this Court has become infructuous.

In the result, the Rule is disposed of. The petitioner is at liberty to prefer appeal within 03(three) months from date, if any, before the Land Survey Appellate Tribunal, Satkhira and in preferring such appeal delay occurred, if any, shall be condoned.

In the meantime, the order of *stay and status quo* granted at the time of issuance of the Rule shall continue till filling of the appeal before the Land Survey Appellate Tribunal or 03(three) months from the date of receipt of this order, whichever is earlier.

The learned Advocate for the petitioner is permitted to take back the certified copies of the annexures, *if any*, by substituting the Photostat copy of the same.

There will be no order as to cost.

Communicate the judgment and order to the petitioner and the respective respondents at once.

**Khizir Hayat, J:**

I agree.