

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

WRIT PETITION NO. 7585 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:

Md. Anisur Rahman

..... *Petitioner*

-vs-

***Bangladesh Bank, represented by its Governor,
Head Office, Bangladesh Bank Bhaban, P.S.
Motijheel, Dhaka.***

.....*Respondents.*

And

Mr. Md. Jakaria Habib, Advocate

..... For the Petitioner.

Mr. S.M. Rafiqul Islam Rabbi, Advocate

For the respondent No.2

Heard and Judgment on: 23.01.2024

Present:

Mrs. Justice Farah Mahbub.

And

Mr. Justice Muhammad Mahbub Ul Islam

Farah Mahbub, J:

In this Rule Nisi, issued under Article 102 of the Constitution of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, the respondents concerned have been called upon to show cause as to why a direction should not be given upon Bangladesh Bank, respondent No.1 to exercise its jurisdiction as contemplated under Sections 45 and 49(1)(Cha) of the Bank Companies Act,

1991 to dispose of the petitioner's application dated 12.06.2023 (Annexure-E) in connection with the loan liabilities of the petitioner.

At the time of issuance of the Rule the operations of the auction process, scheduled to be held on 21.06.2023 pursuant to auction notice dated 08.06.2023 published by the respondent No.2 in the "Daily Prothom Alo" (Annexure-C), was stayed by this Court for a prescribed period subject to payment of Tk.75,00,000/- (Taka seventy five lac) within a period of 90 days from the date and thereafter to pay a further amount of Tk.2,00,00,000/- (Taka two crore) within the period of 12(twelve) months in 12 equal installments, failing which the Rule would stand discharged with costs of Tk.1,00,000/- (Taka one lac).

Meanwhile, the respondent bank was directed to maintain *status quo* in respect of possession and position of the schedule property as mentioned in the auction notice.

In view of the statements so made in the writ petition, we have heard Mr. Md. Jakaria Habib, the learned Advocate appearing for the petitioner.

At this juncture, Mr. S.M. Rafiqul Islam Rabbi, the learned Advocate appearing on behalf of the respondent No.2 upon placing the application filed earlier for vacating the order of stay submits that seeking direction upon the Bangladesh Bank to exercise its jurisdiction as contemplated under Sections 45 and 49(1)(Cha) of the Bank Companies Act, 1991 to dispose of the petitioner's application dated 12.06.2023 (Annexure-E) in connection with the loan liabilities of the petitioner he has filed the instant writ petition and obtained the present Rule along with an order of stay of operation of the auction process in question with direction to pay the outstanding amount in installment. In this regard, he submits that till date the petitioner did not

comply with the said direction so was given by this Hon'ble Court at the time of issuance of the Rule. In the given context, he submits that the Rule is liable to be discharged along with costs to be paid by the petitioner for playing foul with the process of this Hon'ble Court.

In this regard, Mr. Md. Jakaria Habib, the learned Advocate appearing for the petitioner by filing affidavit in compliance submits that pursuant to the order dated 14.06.2023 the petitioner has paid the auction amount of Tk.5,00,000/-(Taka five lac) dated 21.06.2023, Tk.2,00,000/- (Taka two lac) dated 16.08.2023 and Tk.4,00,000/- (Taka four lac) dated 31.10.2023 respectively, in total Tk.11,00,000/- (Taka eleven lac) to the respondent in compliance of the direction given by this Hon'ble Court at the time of issuance of the Rule. Hence, he prays for passing necessary order for the cause of justice.

The petitioner filed the instant writ petition seeking direction upon the Bangladesh Bank to exercise its jurisdiction as contemplated under Sections 45 and 49(1)(Cha) of the Bank Companies Act, 1991 to dispose of his application dated 12.06.2023 (Annexure-E) in connection with the respective loan liabilities. The petitioner has been able to obtain ad-interim order of stay of the auction process in question subject to payment of the respective amount within the prescribed period, but he did not comply with the same.

Considering the above uncontroverted position of facts as well as consequent to default order this Rule is accordingly discharged with costs of Tk.1,00,000/-(Taka one lac) only to be paid by the petitioner to the respondent-bank within a period of 3(three) months from the date of receipt of the copy of this order.

If the petitioner fails to pay the said amount, the respondent-bank is at liberty to realize the said amount in due compliance of law.

The order of stay granted earlier by this Court is hereby vacated.

The respondent-bank is at liberty to proceed with the property in question in accordance with law.

Application for vacating the order of stay is kept with the record.

Communicate the judgment and order to the respondents concerned at once.

Muhammad Mahbub Ul Islam, J:

I agree.