<u>Present</u>

Mr. Justice Sheikh Abdul Awal

Criminal Appeal No. 264 of 2015

Md. Milton Mandal

.....Convict-appellant.

-Versus-

The State

.....Respondent.

No one appears

.....For the convict-appellant.

Judgment on 24.07.2024.

Sheikh Abdul Awal, J:

This criminal appeal at the instance of the convict appellant, Md. Milton Mandal is directed against the impugned judgment and order of conviction and Sentence dated 30.11.2014 passed by the learned Special Tribunal Judge, Special Tribunal No.6, Kushtia in Special Tribunal Case No. 191 of 2008 arising out of G.R. No. 71 of 2008 corresponding to Daulatpur Police Station Case No. 22 dated 22.03.2008 convicting the accused appellant under section 25B(2) of the Special Powers Act, 1974 and sentencing him thereunder to suffer rigorous imprisonment for a period of 2(two) years and to pay a fine of Taka 5,000/-(five thousand) in default to suffer simple imprisonment for 04 (four) months more.

No one appears for the convict appellant despite of fact that this matter has been appearing in the list for hearing with the name of the learned Advocate for the appellant days together.

In view of the fact that this petty old criminal Appeal arising out of 2(two) years sentence has been dragging before this Court for more than 9 years, I am inclined to dispose of the same.

At the time of pronouncement of judgment, it appears from the record that this Court on 27.01.2015 at the time of admission of appeal granted ad-interim bail to the accused appellant for a period of 06(six) months and thereafter, no one took any steps to extend the order of bail, as a result of which the said bail was expired long before on 27.07.2015. In that view of the matter, I have no hesitation to hold that the convict appellant is a fugitive from law and justice.

In the case of Anti-Corruption Commission Vs. Dr. HBM Iqbal Alamgir, reported in 15 BLC(AD) 44, it has been held that the Court would not act in aid of an accused person, who is a fugitive from law and justice.

In view of the above, this Appeal must fail.

In the result, the appeal is dismissed. Since the appeal is dismissed the convict- appellant, Md. Milton Mandal is directed to surrender his bail bond within 3 (three) months from today to suffer his sentence, failing which the Trial Court below shall take necessary steps to secure arrest against the convict appellant.

Send down the lower Court records at once.