

Bangladesh Judiciary Court Structure (Part-3)

Vested property return tribunal and appellate tribunal

Under the provision of the Vested Property Return Act, 2001 the government shall by notification in the official gazette appoint ordinarily one tribunal for each district or if necessary one tribunal for more than one district or additional tribunal for any one district to be known as Vested Property Return Tribunal. Tribunal shall be constituted with a judicial officer of the rank of a district judge or additional district judge and the government may appoint a judge of such tribunal or additional tribunal to act solely or in addition to his ordinary duties as such tribunal. In case of necessity, the government may appoint on contract basis a retired district judge not exceeding sixty years of age to act solely as such tribunal. The said law provides for preparation and publication by gazette notification a list of returnable vested properties **within 180 days** of coming into force of the Act and for the owner of such property for filing an application to the tribunal within ninety days of publication of such list for return of such property to him and the tribunal to deliver judgment within 180 days of receipt of such an application. The law also provides for preferring the appeal within 45 days of the judgment or decision of the tribunal against the same to the appellate tribunal. The law also provides for the constitution of one or more appellate tribunals to be known as Vested Property Return Appellate Tribunal by the government and in case of the constitution of more than one appellate tribunals to determine their respective territorial jurisdiction. In consultation with the Chief Justice of Bangladesh, the government shall appoint a judge of the appellate tribunal from amongst persons eligible to be the judge of the Supreme Court or a retired judge of the Supreme Court whose tenure shall expire on completion of sixty-seven years of his age. The appellate tribunal shall sit in the capital of the country and in case of the constitution of more than one appellate tribunals at the places directed by the government. The appellate tribunal shall pass its judgment within 180 days of the filing the appeal. A further appeal shall lie against the judgment of the appellate tribunal to the appellate division of the Supreme Court on a specific question of law with leave of that division.

Land survey tribunal and appellate tribunal

Under the provisions of the State Acquisition and Tenancy (Amendment), Act 2004 government may, by notification in the official gazette, establish as many Land Survey Tribunals as may be required to dispose of the suits arising out of the final publication of the last revised record of rights prepared under section 144 of the said Act. The government may, by notification in the official gazette, fix and alter the territorial limits of the jurisdiction of any land survey tribunal. Government shall, in consultation with the Supreme Court, appoint the judge of the land survey

tribunal from among persons who are joint district judges. An appeal arising out of judgment, decree, or order of the land survey tribunal shall lie to the land survey appellate tribunal established by the government by notification in the official gazette. More than one such appellate tribunals may be established to hear such appeals. The government may, by notification in the official gazette, fix and alter the territorial limits of the jurisdiction of any land survey appellate tribunal. Government shall appoint the judge of the land survey appellate tribunal from among persons who are or have been judges of the high court division of the Supreme Court. An appeal from a judgment or order of the land survey appellate tribunal shall lie to the appellate division of the Supreme Court only if the appellate division grants leave to appeal.

Other Tribunals and Special courts

- **Nari o Shishu Nirjatan Daman Tribunals**
- **Druto Bichar Tribunal**
- **Cyber Tribunal**
- **Labour Courts**
- **Administrative Tribunals**
- **Income Tax Appellate Tribunals**
- **Artho Rin Adalat**
- **Shishu Adalat**

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