HISTORY OF VIRTUAL COURT IN BANGLADESH

Virtual court system is the state where technology is used to give justice without physical appearance. Because of the Covid-19 pandemic situation grows highly in Bangladesh virtual court was established. On may 10 Virtual Court got directives to rite proceedings in the Appellate Division, High Court Division, the subordinate courts and tribunals from Supreme Court. From May 10 to May 28 there were held virtual hearings for about 33,247 cases where 20938 people were granted bail through virtual court.

Here we can highlight the experience of the people on virtual court:

Advocate Tanvir Ahmed shares that virtual court is enough for an exigency. But virtual court system is not getting essential things obtainable when the system is not fully developed. He also admits that the physical appearance in the court is significant in itself. He also hoping a better future for Virtual court.

Advocate JR Khan Robin who is a lawyer of Supreme Court explained that they are not against the system of virtual court, they just want some time for provision and conducting earlier on indicating virtual court by the Supreme Court Administration. Having training on virtual court would give them privilege on accessing file cases. He also added that including him, many lawyers faces problems on virtual court system, as there has not sufficient technological facilitation.

Deputy Attorney General AKM Amin Uddin who is a State Lawyer for the High Court explained that the current situation of Covid-19 is miserable, we can’t predict how long it will continue. For this physical appearance on court is currently not acceptable. And virtual court system is introduced. Many lawyers are considering it difficult for scanning important documents and files. But there are mobile apps which will help in scanning like cam scanner. They have to adjust with the system. Moreover, the Bar Council might perform some training for the lawyers about the system. He accumulated that with the help of virtual court system, in future, the pending cases can be solved fast, and the record video of witness will be more effective.

Other anonymous explained that the senior lawyers are mostly facing problems adjusting with virtual court system as they are not familiar with technology.

On the other hand, the juniors or young lawyers are very adjustable with the new system, and they are very well to do. But the software has to be quite easier, and the technical problems should be solved.

There were many more experiences of the lawyers, whom has experienced the virtual court system. Some are calling It’s a great initiative for such situation created for covid-19. And also for a better future injustice.

Some are disappointed with the sudden establishment of virtual court, as the virtual court system are Fully dependent on technology, which regards technical knowledge to perform the virtual system. Which making problems for some lawyers to conducting the virtual court system, even they Did not have any training on it.