**105-Supreme Court of Bangladesh**

**Mid Term Expenditure**

(Taka in Thousands)

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Description | Budget  2024-25 | Projection | |
| 2025-26 | 2026-27 |
| Operating Expenditure |  |  |  |
| Development Expenditure |  |  |  |
| **Total** |  |  |  |
|  | | | |
| Recurrent |  |  |  |
| Capital |  |  |  |
| Financial Asset |  |  |  |
| Liability |  |  |  |
| **Total** |  |  |  |

**1.0 Mission Statement and Major Functions**

**1.1 Mission Statement**

Establishment of an efficient judicial administration in order to ensure justice, fundamental and legal rights for all citizens of the republic.

**1.2 Major Functions**

* + 1. Adjudicating and disposal of all original, appeals, revision and other cases arising out of different jurisdictions and brought before the court;
    2. Rendering required judgment and direction to person or authority in order to protect the fundamental rights of the people of the Republic;
    3. Supervision and control over the subordinate courts and tribunals as a Constitutional duty;
    4. Rendering opinion on matters referred by the Honorable President pertaining to public importance;
    5. Laying down of rules under the Constitution and other laws for the regulation of activities of Supreme Court and Subordinate Courts;
    6. Execution of functions relating to the appointment, posting, promotion, discipline, leave and other activities relating to all judicial officers of the subordinate courts, tribunals, and magistracy;
    7. Preservation of records of the adjudicated cases, providing certified copies of judgment and orders of disposed of cases and also providing information on pending cases;
    8. Publication of Daily Cause List through website containing relevant information of Supreme Court cases and also enhancement of coordination and connectivity with the Subordinate Courts.

**2.0 Mid Term Strategic Objectives and Activities**

| Mid Term Strategic Objectives | Activities | Implementing Departments/Agencies |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1. Ensuring justice through establishment of efficient administration of justice | * Leveraging ICT to ensure expeditious judicial process. * Development of necessary IT infrastructure-hardware, software and networking; * Bringing all activities of the Supreme Court and Subordinate Courts under automation and networking system; * Regular publication of information of Subordinate Courts, such as status of pending cases, date of hearing, outcome of the cases and complete judgements, etc. * Updating necessary recommendation for effective inspection and supervision of Sub-ordinate Courts * Publication of paper book of death references and criminal appeal cases as well as other important works * Expansion of Supreme Court’s Record Room and development of infrastructure for all sections | * Supreme Court |
| 1. Simplifying access to justice | * Modernizing the Supreme Court Library and automation of the library management system * Facilitating easy access to legal literature including law books, journals, law reference books and text books published locally or abroad * Monitoring activities of the District Legal Aid Committees * Supervision and implementation of all legal aid activities including legal aid given for Jail Appeals under various laws |

**3.0 Poverty Reduction and Women Empowerment Reporting**

**3.1 Impact of Strategic Objectives on Poverty Reduction and Women's Advancement**

**3.1.1 Ensuring justice through establishment of efficient administration of justice**

**Impact on Poverty Reduction:** No direct impact.

**Impact on Women’s Advancement:** The Supreme Court is playing an important role in women empowerment and women advancement by protecting and ensuring their constitutional and fundamental rights. In addition, under the constant guidance and supervision of the Supreme court, poor and destitute women across the country are getting legal aid that helps protect their legal rights and in turn, empowers them in the society.

**3.1.2 Facilitating access to justice**

**Impact on Poverty Reduction:** No direct impact.

**Impact on Women’s Advancement:** No direct impact.

**3.2 Poverty Reduction and Women’s Advancement Related Spending**

(Taka in Thousands)

| Description | Budget  2024-25 | Projection | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 2025-26 | 2026-27 |
| Poverty Reduction |  |  |  |
| Gender |  |  |  |

**4.1 Priority Spending Areas/Schemes**

| Priority Spending Areas/Schemes | Related Strategic Objectives |
| --- | --- |
| **1. Digitization of Supreme Court Filings, Affidavits, Criminal Misc and Writ Section.**  In order to resolve the backlog of cases, modernization, digitization and automation of the filing, affidavit, criminal misc and Writ Sections are very important. Therefore, priority has been given to the sector. | * Ensuring justice through establishment of efficient administration of justice * Simplifying access to justice |
| **2. Construction of separate building for Supreme Court administration.**  At present there are about 2400 officers and staffs in the Supreme Court administration. It is necessary to ensure the proper working environment of the said officers and staffs in order to bring dynamism in the work of Supreme Court administration. As a result, there is a plan to construct a 20-storey administrative building in the Supreme Court with conference room, library etc. to ensure justice and this sector has been given priority. | * Ensuring justice through establishment of efficient administration of justice * Simplifying access to justice |
| **3. Establishment of a modern record building in Supreme Court with digital record room along with firefighting system.**  Supreme Court of Bangladesh has been dignified with the status of 'Court of Record' in the Constitution of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. Currently Bangladesh Supreme Court has about 12 lac case records in 3 record rooms. Also, there is an increase of about 1 lac new case records every year. As a result, due to lack of space in the record rooms, documents are being kept in the balcony of the record room. Moreover, there is no firefighting system in the existing record rooms. Hence, there is a plan to establish a modern record building with a digital record room along with firefighting system and priority has been given to this sector. | * Ensuring justice through establishment of efficient administration of justice * Simplifying access to justice |
| **4**. **Establishment of a medical building to convert the Supreme Court Medical Center into a full-fledged clinic.**  At present, medical services are being provided to more than 100 honorable judges of Bangladesh Supreme Court and about 2400 officers and staffs at the Supreme Court Medical Center on a limited basis, which is insufficient compared to the demand. Moreover, every year the officers and staffs of the Supreme Court are supplied with a large quantity of medicines which require separate premises for proper storage. On the whole, this sector has been given priority as it is necessary to establish a medical building for the purpose of converting the Supreme Court Medical Center into a full-fledged clinic | * Ensuring justice through establishment of efficient administration of justice |
| **5.** **Establishment of security perimeter with archway in every building of Supreme Court:**  Bangladesh Supreme Court is the highest court of the country. Every day, many litigants from all over the country travel to this premises to seek justice. Trials of various sensitive cases have been disposed in Bangladesh Supreme Court. As a result, in order to strengthen the security system in the Supreme Court, this sector has been given priority as it is very important to establish a security zone with archways in every building of the Supreme Court. | * Ensuring justice through establishment of efficient administration of justice * Simplifying access to justice |

**4.2 Medium Term Expenditure Estimates and Projection (2024-25 to 2026-27)**

**4.2.1 Expenditure by Department/Agencies/Institutional Units**

(Taka in Thousands)

| Description | Budget | Revised | Budget  2024-25 | Projection | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 2023-24 | | 2025-26 | 2026-27 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

**4.2.2 Expenditure by Economic Group Wise**

(Taka in Thousands)

| Economic  Group | Description | Budget | Revised | Budget  2024-25 | Projection | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 2023-24 | | 2025-26 | 2026-27 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**5.0 Key Performance Indicator (KPIs)**

| Indicator | Related Strategic Objectives | Unit | Revised  Target | Actual | Target | Revised Target | Medium Term Targets | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 2022-23 | | 2023-24 | | 2024-25 | 2025-26 | 2026-27 |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 1. Case disposal rate of the Supreme Court |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Based on the number of newly filed cases\* | 1,2 | % | 70 |  | 70 |  | 75 | 75 |  |
| 1. Based on the number of pending cases\*\* | 40 |  | 50 |  | 55 | 55 |  |
| 2. Disposal of cases of the Subordinate Court |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Based on the number of newly filed cases\* | 1 | % | 85 |  | 90 |  | 90 | 90 |  |
| 1. Based on the number of pending Cases\*\* | 60 |  | 65 |  | 70 | 70 |  |
| 3. Based on the inspection of Subordinate Courts | 1 | % | 35 |  | 45 |  | 50 | 50 |  |

\* Percentage of disposed cases out of the total cases filed in the respective year.

\*\* Percentage of disposed cases out of total pending cases filed till previous year.

**6.0 Recent Achievements, Activities, Output Indicators, Targets and Expenditure Estimates of the Departments/Agencies**

**6.1 Bangladesh Supreme Court**

**6.1.1** **Recent Achievements**: Bangladesh Supreme Court disposed of 1,72,934 cases in the last 3 years. Under the active supervision of the Supreme Court, 11,76,802 cases were disposed of in the subordinate courts last year. The Honorable Chief Justice of Bangladesh has constituted 8 monitoring committees consisting of 8 honorable judges of the High Court Division to supervise the courts of 8 divisions across the country. Therefore, disposal rate of the subordinate courts has been increased manifold. A web application service has been launched to initiate the process of filing (e-filing) cases of both divisions of Bangladesh Supreme Court. A state-of-the-art data center has been established at the Supreme Court. A restroom called 'Nayakunja' with all facilities has been established in the Supreme Court premises for the rest of the people seeking justice.In order to ensure the use of information technology to increase the speed of judicial proceedings, 6 court technologies have been recently developed by the Supreme Court, which are reporting tools for the monitoring committee on the online platform, activities related to the digital copy of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, Access to Appellate Division, Online Publication of Subordinate Court Judgments and Orders, Report Entry Platform for Children Courts and Supreme Court Mobile App which are playing an important role in facilitating access to justice.

**6.1.2 Activities, Output Indicators and Targets**

| Activities | Output Indicator | Related Strategic Objectives | Unit | Revised Target | Actual | Target | Revised Target | Medium Term Targets | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 2022-23 | | 2023-24 | | 2024-25 | 2025-26 | 2026-27 |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 1. Leveraging ICT to simplify and streamline the judicial process | Disposal of cases | 1,2 | Number  (000) | 70 |  | 80 |  | 85 | 85 |  |
| 1. Development of necessary IT infrastructure-hardware, software and networking | Online connectivity established | 1, 2 | % | 65 |  | 75 |  | 80 | 85 |  |
| 1. Automation and integration of the various activities of the Supreme Court including those of the Subordinate Courts | Online connectivity with subordinate courts established | 1, 2 | No. of subordinate courts | 60 |  | 65 |  | 70 | 75 |  |
| 1. Publication of the case information-status of pending cases, dates of hearings, results and complete judgements, etc.-of the Subordinate Courts on the website on a regular basis | Information provided into the website on a daily basis | 1,2 | Number of cases (000) | 50 |  | 60 |  | 65 | 70 |  |
| 1. Implementing the rules and procedure of inspection of Subordinate Courts in order to supervise effectively | Update Rules/ Regulations | 1,2 | Number | 40 |  | 45 |  | 50 | 55 |  |
| 1. Publication of death references and criminal appeal cases as well as other important works | Completion of work of paper book within stipulated time | 1 | % | 70 |  | 80 |  | 85 | 85 |  |
| 1. Upgrading the physical infrastructure for all sections of Supreme Court including the expansion of the Record Room\* | Completion of work | 1,2 | % | 80 |  | 100 |  | 100 | 100 |  |
| 1. Modernizing the Library of the Supreme Court and automation of the library management system | IT system installed  (Completion of work) | 1,2 | % | 90 |  | 100 |  | 100 | 100 |  |
| 1. Facilitating better access to legal literature including the law journals, law reference books, and text books published locally or abroad | Number of people making use of reference materials | 2 | % | 90 |  | 95 |  | 95 | 95 |  |
| 1. Monitoring the activities of the District Legal Aid Committees | Inspection | 1, 2 | No. of inspection | 85 |  | 95 |  | 95 | 95 |  |
| 1. Supervision and implementation of all legal aid activities including legal aid given for Jail Appeals under various laws | Disposal of cases | 1,2 | Number | 75 |  | 85 |  | 85 | 90 |  |

**6.1.3 Medium Term Expenditure Estimates by Institutional Unit, Schemes and Projects**

(Taka in Thousands)

| Name of the Institutional Unit/Scheme/ Project | Related Activity | Actual  2022-23 | Budget | Revised | Medium Term Expenditure Estimates | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 2023-24 | | 2024-25 | 2025-26 | 2026-27 |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |