

The High Court (HC) yesterday directed the government to submit a report within a month on what steps it has taken for the welfare of the persons with disabilities after enactment of Disability Welfare Act in 2001.

As per provisions of the act, the government is supposed to determine after conducting an assessment in which sectors of the state the persons with disabilities can be provided with jobs, a lawyer told The Daily Star.

After holding hearing on two writ petitions, an HC bench of Justice Md Mamtaz Uddun Ahmed and Justice Naima Haider passed the order, saying it would take further decision in this regard after examining the report submitted by the government.

Four human rights organisations -- Ain O Salish Kendra (ASK), Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAST), Action on Disability and Development (ADD) and National Council of Disabled Women (NCDW) -- and Swapan Chowkidar, a lawyer, and Ridwanul Hoque, a teacher of law faculty of Dhaka University, jointly filed the petitions on April 19, seeking directions from the court upon the government to allow the candidates with disabilities to sit for the Bangladesh Civil Service (BCS) and Bangladesh Judicial Service (BJS) examinations.

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