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THE GAUHATI HIGH COURT
(HIGH COURT OF ASSAM, NAGALAND, MIZORAM AND ARUNACHAL PRADESH)

Case No. : Cont.Cas(C)/7/2019

Vanlalsiama
Sakawrdai, Aizawl

VERSUS

Lalnunmawia Chuaungo and 4 Ors.
Aizawl2:Lalrinliana Fanai Home Secretary
Govt. of Mizoram Aizawl
Aizawl

3:Smt. Renu Sharma
Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Mioram
Aizawl

4:Sh. Vanlalngaihsaka
Secretary to the Govt. of Mizoram
Home Department
Aizawl

5:Sh. H. Lalengmawia
I.A.S.
Secretary to the Govt. of Mizoram
Home Department
Aizawl

Advocate for the Petitioner : Mr Nei Chunga Darlong

Advocate for the Respondent : Mr C Zoramchhana for R1

ORDER
BEFORE
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE KAUSHIK GOSWAMI

10.09.2024

Mr. Nei Chunga Darlong, learned counsel for the petitioner places an RTI reply received on 30.08.2023 from the office of the Director & SPIO, SCERT, School Education Department, Government of Mizoram, whereby it was informed that the medium of instruction at Government Primary Schools in Mizoram are Mizo and English.

It appears that Clause 5.1 of the Memorandum of Settlement, which was directed by this Court by Order dated 04.09.2017 to be complied by the State respondents has not been complied till date.

Mrs. Mary L. Khiangte, learned Government Advocate draws the attention of this Court to the show cause reply filed on behalf of the respondent Nos. 3 & 5 on 15.03.2024, wherein a Notification dated 08.01.2024 is enclosed, which shows that the Government has recognized Hmar language as a major languages of the State of Mizoram, in pursuance to paragraph No. 5.1 of the said Memorandum of Settlement. However, there is nothing on record to show that Hmar language has been introduced in the Government Primary Schools as a medium of instruction.

Mrs. Mary L. Khiangte, learned Government Advocate seeks 2 (two) weeks time to clarify as whether the State Government has initiated measures for using Hmar language as a medium of instruction at the Government Primary Schools in Mizoram.

Prayer is allowed.

It is needless to clarify that in the event the aforesaid clarification is not placed before this Court by way of an affidavit on the next date of listing, the respondent No. 5 shall be personally present before this Court through video conferencing mode.

List the matter again on 14.10.2024.

JUDGE

Comparing Assistant