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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 5 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

13.05.2025

Heard Ms. Jacinta Zothanmawii, learned counsel for the petitioner. Also heard Mrs. Mary L. Khiangte, learned counsel for all the contemnors/respondents.

This contempt petition has been filed for alleged non-compliance of this Court's Order dated 04.09.2017 passed in WP(C) No. 80/2016, whereby the State respondents, in view of the submission of the learned Government Advocate directed the State respondents to comply with Clause 5.1 and Clause 5.3 of the Memorandum of Settlement.

Clause 5.1 reads as hereunder:-

“5.1. with a view to satisfying the desires and aspiration of Hmar community in Mizoram, the State Government will initiate measures for use of Hmar language as a medium of instruction upto Primary level and recognition of the Hmar language as one of the major language of the State of Mizoram.”

Mrs. Mary L. Khiangte, learned counsel for the contemnors by drawing the attention of this Court to a Notification dated 08.01.2024 issued by the Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Mizoram, Home Department submitted that the aforesaid Clause 5.1 of the Memorandum of Settlement has been complied.

A perusal of the said order indicates that the State respondents in

pursuance of Clause 5.1 of the Memorandum of Settlement between the Government of Mizoram and Hmar People's Convention dated 27.07.1994, recognized Hmar language as one of the major languages of the State of Mizoram with immediate effect.

Mrs. Mary L. Khiangte, learned counsel for the contemnors shall apprise this Court on the next date of listing as whether the order of this Court has been implemented for all practical purposes or not in relation to both the Clauses in question.

List the matter on 15.05.2025.

JUDGE

Comparing Assistant