

GAHC030007332025



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

**Case No. : WP(C)/133/2025**

Sh. N. Vanlalnghaka (L) S/b Lalrozuala and 17 Ors.  
S/o Thangzaa (L)  
R/o Sihhmui, Aizawl District S/b Lalrozuala

2: Sh. Rinliana  
S/o N. Vanlalnghaka  
R/o Sihhmui  
Aizawl District

3: Sh. Lalrozuala  
S/o N. Vanlalnghaka  
R/o Sihhmui  
Aizawl District

4: Smt. Lalrinchhungi  
D/o N. Vanlalnghaka  
R/o Sihhmui  
Aizawl District

5: Smt. Vanlalhruii  
D/o Thangzaa (L)  
R/o Sihhmui  
Aizawl District

6: Sh. Zosangliana  
S/o K. Sena (L)  
R/o Kanan Veng  
Aizawl District

7: Sh. J. Laltlanthanga  
S/o J. Lalchungnunga  
R/o Sihhmui  
Aizawl District

8: Sh. J. Lalchungnunga  
S/o Thangzawna (L)  
R/o Sihhmui  
Aizawl District

9: Sh. Lalhmingliana  
S/o Thiauva (L)  
R/o Sihhmui  
Aizawl District

10: Smt. Siamthari  
D/o Lalhmingliana  
R/o Sihhmui  
Aizawl District

11: Smt. Lalthlamuani  
D/o Kawngima  
R/o Sihhmui  
Aizawl District

12: Sh. Lalthlengliana  
S/o Kawngima  
R/o Sihhmui  
Aizawl District

13: Smt. Enet Lalnunpuii  
D/o Lalthlengliana  
R/o Sihhmui  
Aizawl District

14: Smt. Lalengliani  
D/o Kawngima  
R/o Sihhmui  
Aizawl District

15: Smt. Lalruatpuii  
D/o Lalthlengliana  
R/o Sihhmui  
Aizawl District

16: Sh. Vanneihzuala  
S/o Thingsaia  
R/o Sihhmui  
Aizawl District

17: Sh. Thingsaia  
D/o Sobeihuaia  
R/o Sihhmui

Aizawl District

18: Sh. Vanthangpuia  
S/o Lalkhuma  
R/o Sihhmui  
Aizawl District

VERSUS

The Union of India r/b the Secretary, Ministry of Railway (Railway Board) and 4 Ors.  
Got. of India, 256-A Rail Bhavan, Raisina Road,  
New Delhi 110001

2:The Northeast Frontier Railway r/b Deputy Chief Engineer (Construction)  
N.F Railway  
Bawngkawn Brigade  
Aizawl  
Mizoram-796014

3:The General Manager (Construction)  
Northeast Frontier Railway  
Maligoan  
Guwahati-781012

4:The Deputy Commissioner-cum-Competent Authority for Land Acquisition  
Aizawl District  
Aizawl  
Mizoram-796001

5:Dr. Lalzirmawia Chhangte  
IAS (Rtd.) Arbitrator for Railway Project  
(Bairabi-Sairang New Line)  
A-92  
Ramhlun Venglai PWD Tlang  
Aizawl-79601

**Advocate for the Petitioner** : Mr Lalchhanliana Khiangte

**Advocate for the Respondent** : Ms Zairemsangpuii, CGC for R 1-3

**BEFORE  
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE NELSON SAILO  
ORDER**

Date : 03.11.2025

Heard Ms. Vanlalmuanpuii, learned counsel for the petitioners, who submits that the petitioners are owners of their respective land situated in Bairabi or Sairang. For the purpose of the Special Railway Project, i.e., Bairabi – Sairang New BG Railway Line Project (51.38 Km), Award No. 3 of 2019 dated 04.06.2019 was prepared by the respondent No. 4. The petitioners not happy with the award preferred Arbitration Application No. 10 of 2024 before the Additional District and Sessions Judge II, Aizawl, under Section 34 of the Arbitration & Conciliation Act, 1996. The same was disposed of by the Court vide Judgment and Order dated 24.04.2025 by remanding the matter back to the arbitrator for fresh determination in terms of the provisions of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013. According to the petitioner, although a copy of the Judgment and Order was forwarded to the Arbitrator special at this project but the arbitrator has not taken up the matter till date. The Arbitrator has expressed his inability to continue as an Arbitrator by writing a letter to the General Manger (Construction), NEF Railway on 13.05.2025 and since there has not been taken any steps till date for appointment of a new Arbitrator, the petitioners are before this Court.

Issue notice of motion, returnable by four (4) weeks.

Ms. Babie Laldinzuali, learned counsel, accepts notice on behalf of Ms. Zairemsangpuii, learned CGC, who will be representing the respondent Nos. 1, 2 & 3.

Petitioners to serve requisite copies of the writ petition to the learned counsels appearing for respondents today within two (2) working days.

Petitioners to take steps for service of notice upon the respondent Nos. 4 & 5 by registered post with A/D within three (3) working days.

List the matter again after four (4) weeks.

**JUDGE**

**Comparing Assistant**