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HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA
AT SHILLONG

WP(C). No. 19 of 2026

Date of Order: 03.02.2026

Shri. Gopal Krishna Gour

Vs.

Union of India & Ors.

Coram:

Hon'ble Mr. Justice H.S.Thangkhiew, Judge

Appearance:

For the Petitioner/Applicant(s) : Mr. K.Paul, Sr. Adv. with
Mr. S.Chanda, Adv.

For the Respondent(s) : Mr. R. Debnath, CGC for R 1-3.
Mr. N.G.Shylla, Sr. GA with
Mr. J.N.Rynjah, GA for R 5-8.

Heard Mr. K.Paul, learned Sr. counsel assisted by Mr. S.Chanda,
learned counsel for the petitioner.

This writ application has been filed assailing the alleged wrongful arrest and the non-allowance of the right to consult a legal representative by the petitioner. It is submitted by learned Sr. counsel for the petitioner that the writ petitioner was arrested on 27-01-2026, from Guwahati Airport in connection with Khanapara P.S.Case No. 25(7) of 2024. It is further submitted that after his arrest, his lawyer has not been allowed to meet him for which a letter has been filed before the Officer In-charge, Khanapara Police Station with copies to the DGP stating this fact, but however, there has been no response. He therefore, prays at this stage that the defence

counsels be allowed to meet the accused person who is presently in police custody.

Ms. N.G.Shylla, learned Sr. GA appearing for the State respondents has submitted that with regard to the submission and allegations made, she may be allowed to obtain instructions. She further submits that as per order dated 28-01-2026, the accused is to be produced today, and as such, there should be no impediment for the accused person to consult the defence counsel.

Be that as it may, it is expected that any person accused who is in custody cannot be denied access to legal counsel. As such, if the allegations are correct, it is directed that the Officer In-charge, Khanapara Police Station should facilitate visitation rights to the defence counsel of the writ petitioner, which shall be duly monitored by the Officer In-charge himself.

Mr. R.Debnath, learned CGC is present on behalf of the respondents No. 1-3.

List this matter on 17-02-2026.

Judge

Meghalaya
03.02.2026
"Samantha PS"