

HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA
AT SHILLONG

PIL No. 2/2022 with
PIL No.8/2022
PIL No.9/2022
PIL No.14/2022
PIL No.1/2023

Date of order: 21.11.2023

In Re: (Suo motu): Illegal mining
of coal in the State of Meghalaya

Champer M. Sangma vs. State of Meghalaya & ors
Shailendra Kumar Sharma vs. State of Meghalaya & ors
Monu Kumar vs. State of Meghalaya & ors
Sri Krishan vs. State of Meghalaya & ors

Coram:

Hon'ble Mr. H.S. Thangkhiew, Chief Justice (Acting)

Hon'ble Mr. Justice W. Diengdoh, Judge

Appearance in PIL No.2 of 2022

For the Petitioner :

For the State :

Mr. A. Kumar, Advocate General with
Mr. K. Khan, AAG
Mr. S. Sengupta, Addl.Sr.GA
Ms. R. Colney, GA

For the Union :

Dr. N. Mozika, DSGI with
Ms. S. Rumthao, Adv

For Coal India Limited : None

Appearance in PIL No.8 of 2022

For the Petitioner :

Mr. S. Dey, Adv with
Mr. S. Deb, Adv

For the Respondents :

Mr. A. Kumar, Advocate General with
Mr. K. Khan, AAG
Mr. S. Sengupta, Addl.Sr.GA
Ms. R. Colney, GA
Dr. N. Mozika, DSGI with
Ms. S. Rumthao, Adv

Appearance in PIL No.9 of 2022

For the Petitioner : None

For the Respondents : Mr. A. Kumar, Advocate General with
Mr. K. Khan, AAG
Mr. S. Sengupta, Addl.Sr.GA
Ms. R. Colney, GA
Dr. N. Mozika, DSGI with
Ms. S. Rumthao, Adv

Appearance in PIL No.14 of 2022

For the Petitioner : None

For the Respondents : Mr. A. Kumar, Advocate General with
Mr. K. Khan, AAG
Mr. S. Sengupta, Addl.Sr.GA
Ms. R. Colney, GA

Appearance in PIL No.1 of 2023

For the Petitioner : Mr. S. Sharma, Adv

For the Respondents : Mr. A. Kumar, Advocate General with
Mr. K. Khan, AAG
Mr. S. Sengupta, Addl.Sr.GA
Ms. R. Colney, GA
Dr. N. Mozika, DSGI with
Ms. S. Rumthao, Adv

The 18th interim report dated 14.11.2023 has been filed by Justice B.P. Katakey (retired) Single Member Committee who has made field visits to East Jaintia Hills and also other areas. A perusal of the report is alarming. Let a copy of the report be circulated to the counsel for the parties who can obtain copies from the Registry.

The attention of the Court has also been drawn to an order dated 04.10.2023, wherein at paragraph 6 thereof this Court had directed the State to look into the allegations levelled against the private respondent therein and also allowed to file an affidavit to the affidavit filed by the petitioner in PIL No.8 of 2022. It has also been submitted that no affidavit has been forthcoming. Accordingly, it is expected that on the next date such affidavit will be on board.

It is also submitted by Mr. S. Sharma on behalf of the petitioner in PIL No.1 of 2023 that affidavit has since been filed.

Let these matters appear on 30.11.2023 for further necessary orders.

(W. Diengdoh)
Judge

(H.S. Thangkhiew)
Chief Justice (Acting)

Meghalaya
21.11.2023
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