

HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA
AT SHILLONG

PIL No. 2 of 2022

Date of order: 16.08.2024

In Re Suo Motu Illegal Mining of vs State of Meghalaya
coal in the State of Meghalaya

Coram:

Hon'ble Mr. Justice S. Vaidyanathan, Chief Justice
Hon'ble Mr. Justice H.S. Thangkhiew, Judge
Hon'ble Mr. Justice W. Diengdoh, Judge

Appearance:

For the Petitioner :

For the State Respondent (s) : Mr A. Kumar, AG with
Mr K. Khan, AAG
Mr A.H. Kharwanlang, Addl.Sr.GA
Ms R. Colney, GA

For the Union of India : Ms. A. Pradhan, Adv. vice
Dr. N. Mozika DSG

For the Coal India Limited : Mr M.Z. Ahmed, Sr. Adv. with
Mrs. B. Dutta, Sr. Adv.
Mr A.M. Dutta, Adv.

Justice B.P. Katakey (Retd.) has filed the 23rd and 24th interim reports.

Registry is directed to hand over a copy of the 23rd interim report alone to learned AG. It has been drawn to the attention of this Court that some coal is still lying in East Jaintia Hills which has not been taken to the depot.

Mr. A. Kumar, learned AG submits that some coal may be lying there to be disposed of by the concerned Judicial Magistrate which has

been seized under Section 21 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957.

In order to enable the respondents to file their comments on the 23rd interim report and also photographs of the place where the coal is lying, call the matter on 12.09.2024.

(W. Diengdoh)
Judge

(H.S. Thanghiew)
Judge

(S. Vaidyanathan)
Chief Justice

Meghalaya
16.08.2024
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