

Serial Nos.1, 2 & 3
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HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA
AT SHILLONG

PIL No.2/2022 with
PIL No.8/2022
MC (PIL) No.5/2023
PIL No.8/2023

Date of Order: 15.10.2024

In Re-Suo Motu Illegal Mining of Coal Vs. State of Meghalaya & ors
in the State of Meghalaya

Champer M. Sangma Vs. State of Meghalaya & ors

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Hon'ble Mr. Justice I.P. Mukerji, Chief Justice
Hon'ble Mr. Justice W. Diengdoh, Judge

Appearance:

For the Petitioner : -

For the Respondent : Mr. K. Khan, AAG with
Mr. S. Sengupta, Addl.Sr.GA
Ms. R. Colney, GA
Dr. N. Mozika, DSGI with
Ms. K. Gurung, Adv

Initially a Special Bench was constituted comprising the Chief Justice, brothers Mr. Justice H.S. Thangkhiew and Mr. Justice W. Diengdoh to hear out this batch of public interest litigation.

It was heard from time to time by the Special Bench.

On 12th September, 2024 on the retirement of the then Chief Justice, the Hon'ble Acting Chief Justice directed the application to be placed before his lordship and brother Mr. Justice W. Diengdoh.

On 17th September, 2024, the application appeared in the list of the newly constituted bench.

It is today appearing in the list before our bench.

We are of the considered opinion that throughout the carriage of these proceedings, Mr. Justice H.S. Thangkhiew and Mr. Justice W. Diengdoh have dealt with these matters. Their lordships are fully conversant with the facts.

There is no need, whatsoever now for constituting a Special Bench presided over by the Chief Justice to hear out the matters as they have been heard at substantial length by the other Hon'ble Judges and the Chief Justice would have to be made aware of the facts de novo.

In those circumstances, we direct that this batch of public interest litigation be assigned to and placed before the bench comprising of Mr. Justice H.S. Thangkhiew and Mr. Justice W. Diengdoh on such date as would be convenient to their lordships.

This order is additionally to be treated as an administrative order by the Chief Justice.

(W. Diengdoh)
Judge

(I.P. Mukerji)
Chief Justice

Meghalaya
15.10.2024
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