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HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA
AT SHILLONG

PIL No. 2/2022

Date of order: 11.08.2022

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

Coram:

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

Appearance:

For the Petitioner

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For the Respondent

: Mr. K. Khan, Sr.GA with
Ms. R. Colney, GA
Dr. N. Mozika, ASG with
Ms. A. Pradhan, Adv
Mr. S.P. Mahanta, Sr.Adv with
Mr. M. Lyngdoh, Adv
Mr. M.Z. Ahmed, Sr.Adv with
Ms. B. Dutta, Sr.Adv
Mr. N. Syngkon, Adv

A third interim report has been filed by Justice Katakey dated August 9, 2022. It will be open to the appearing parties to obtain copies of the report from an officer of this Court.

The suggestions and recommendations made in the third interim report are likely to be directed to be implemented, subject to the views expressed by the appearing parties. Expeditious steps are also to be taken to dispose of the coal which remains since there are allegations from

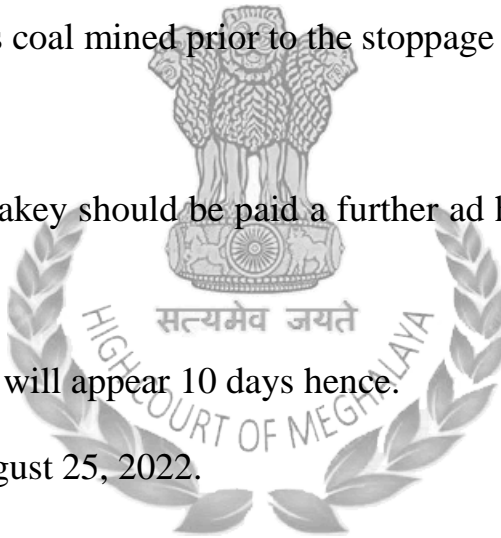
several quarters that coal continues to be illegally mined in the State and the recently mined coal sought to be passed off as the previously mined coal.

In the meantime, Justice Katakey should indicate the exact quantum of coal which remains to be disposed of and the State will render all assistance to ensure that an accurate figure is indicated. Once an accurate figure is available, it would allay fears of freshly mined coal being passed off as coal mined prior to the stoppage directions issued by or about 2017.

Justice Katakey should be paid a further ad hoc remuneration of Rs.1.5 lakh.

The matter will appear 10 days hence.

List on August 25, 2022.



(W. Diengdoh)
Judge

(H. S. Thangkhiew)
Judge

(Sanjib Banerjee)
Chief Justice

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