

Serial No. 01
Supplementary List I

HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA
AT SHILLONG

WP(C) No. 32 of 2024

Date of Order: 23.02.2024

Shri. Hira Ray & 17 Ors. Vs. State of Meghalaya & Ors.

Coram:

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

Appearance:

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

For the Respondent(s) : Mr. S. Sengupta, Addl. Sr. GA.

i) Whether approved for reporting in Law journals etc.:		Yes/No

ii)	Whether approved for publication in press:	Yes/No
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1. Heard Mr. K. Paul, learned Senior counsel assisted by Mr. S. Chanda, learned counsel for the petitioners.

2. Issue notice.

3. Mr. S. Sengupta, learned Addl. Sr. GA is present and accepts notice on behalf of all the respondents.
4. The petitioners 18 in number are stated to be residents of Maxwellton Estate, Shillong in Rilbong, and the grievance as put forward by this writ petition is that after a newspaper report dated 14.02.2024, was published in a leading daily concerning the occupants in the said property, the petitioners have since been harassed by the police authorities, without any due process of law being followed.
5. It has been submitted by the learned Senior counsel for the petitioners that the residents have been called at odd hours to report to Laban, Police Station, and are being questioned without there even being a case or proceeding registered. At this stage, he prays that directions be issued that the petitioners not be harassed, and if any action taken should be in accordance with law.
6. Mr. S. Sengupta, learned Addl. Senior GA for the respondents prays that he may be allowed to obtain instructions, as to whether the situation is as portrayed by the petitioners.
7. Accordingly, list this matter on 28th February, 2024 to enable the learned Addl. Senior GA to obtain instructions.
8. However, it is directed that in the meantime that any action taken by the authorities concerned, should be as per law and by following due

process, and as it has been submitted that other pressure groups also have been issuing statements and demanding their eviction, it is expected that the respondents will ensure that no untoward incidents occur in the said property.

9. List accordingly.

Judge

Meghalaya
23.02.2024
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