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HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA
AT SHILLONG

WP(C). No. 67 of 2026

Date of Order: 03.03.2026

M/s. Sai Computers Limited

Vs. State of Meghalaya & Ors.

Coram:

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

Appearance:

For the Petitioner/Applicant(s) : Dr. N.Mozika, Sr. Adv. with
Ms. T.Sutnga, Adv.

For the Respondent(s) : Mr. N.D.Chullai, AAG with
Mr. E.R.Chyne, GA for R 1-3.
Ms. I.Syiemlieh, Adv. for R 4.
Mr. T.T.Diengdoh, Sr. Adv. with
Mr. J.K.Pariat, Adv. for R 5 & 6.
Mr. H.L.Shangreiso, Sr. Adv. with
Mr. T.Dkhar, Adv. for R 7.

1. Mr. H.L.Shangreiso, learned Sr. counsel assisted by Mr. T.Dkhar, learned counsel has entered appearance today on behalf of the respondent No. 7, as such, notice is complete.

2. It is submitted by learned Sr. counsel that the respondent No. 7 is not the only person concerned with regard to this matter, as the operation being in the entire Sub-Division, other village heads are also necessary to be impleaded in the instant matter.

3. Mr. N.D.Chullai, learned AAG assisted by Mr. E.R.Chyne, learned GA for the respondents No. 1-3, has submitted an inquiry report dated 26-02-2026, which has been conducted by the Additional Judicial Magistrate, East Khasi Hills District, Shillong. It is submitted by the learned AAG that the project in question, undisputedly, concerns public interest and the contract also being awarded by the MeECL for distribution of power to the villages, in such matters, learned AAG submits that perhaps the requirement of a Trading License should be dispensed with.

4. Mr. T.T.Diengdoh, learned Sr. counsel assisted by Mr. J.K.Pariat, learned counsel for the respondents No. 5 & 6, submits that the requirement of a trading license only arises when an office is established by the entity to conduct business.

5. Ms. I.Syiemlieh, learned counsel for the respondent No. 4, submits that she has no instructions with regard to the matter and prays for some time.

6. This Court has examined the inquiry report, and notes that from page 2 itself, it has recorded the statements about the NGOs and Students Union members threatening the individuals and staff of the petitioner, asking them to leave the area. The report also records the statement of one Shri. Hiamdor Rapsang, Chairman, Synjuk Ki Khlieh Nongsynshar Shnong, Mawsynram, who has narrated the experience with the earlier company tasked with the

project, and that he was not aware that the MePDCL had entered and signed a new agreement with M/s. Sai Computers Limited on 01-11-2025. It appears that this Shri. Hiamdor Rapsang, Chairman, Synjuk Ki Khlieh Nongsynshar Shnong, Mawsynram, is a necessary party in the instant proceedings and accordingly, the Court on its own motion, impleads him as respondent No. 8. Registry to issue notice through the Officer In-Charge, Mawsynram Police Outpost to ensure his appearance on the next date fixed.

7. This Court, by the last order dated 23-02-2026, had noted that the petitioner company, is engaged in providing consultancy technological services under the power sector and had obtained the distribution franchise from the respondent No. 4. The action of the local residents, including the NGOs, in hampering the functioning of the petitioner, therefore, has clearly impacted an essential services project being implemented for the distribution of electricity which is for the welfare and public good of the residents of the area.

8. In this regard, this Court deems it appropriate to direct at this stage, that the petitioner should be allowed to operate and to discharge its functions of providing its services for distribution of electricity as contracted. The State authorities, in this regard, are to ensure that the operations should not be disturbed in any manner, and it is also made clear that if any entity or organisation, hampers the said work, the same should be dealt by the

police/authorities in accordance with law and also brought to the notice of this Court.

9. List this matter on 18-03-2026.

10. Copy of the order to be made over to learned AAG for necessary communication and compliance.

Judge

Meghalaya
03.03.2026
"Samantha PS"