

HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA
AT SHILLONG

PIL No. 1 of 2024

Date of order: 18.08.2025

Tenny Dard M. Marak vs The State of Meghalaya & ors.

Coram:

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

Appearance:

For the Petitioner : Dr P. Agarwal, Adv.

For the Respondents : Mr A. Kumar, AG with
 Mr N. Syngkon, GA
 Mr J.N. Rynjah, GA

i)	Whether approved for reporting in Law journals etc.:	Yes/No
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ii)	Whether approved for publication in press:	Yes/No
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Note: For proper public information and transparency, any media reporting this judgment is directed to mention the composition of the bench by name of judges, while reporting this judgment/order.

This is the public interest litigation (PIL) complaining of alleged illegal activities of government officials in collusion with cargo operators in operating the weighbridges.

From time to time, this PIL has been heard where the stand of the government has been firm and consistent that there is no violation of any law in the operation of weighbridges.

Today, Ms Agarwal, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner seeks leave of this Court to file a supplementary affidavit. She submits

that this supplementary affidavit has been prepared on the basis of information received on an application made by the petitioner under the Right to Information Act, 2005 with regard to the weighbridge at Nongstoin. She says that the document reveals that there are no checks and balances in the operation of that weighbridge and no record of any goods vehicle movement or its weighment is maintained.

Leave is given to the petitioner to file a supplementary affidavit by 28th August, 2025.

Learned Advocate General denies this assertion. He submits, prima facie subject to filing a detailed rejoinder that these weighbridges are run by granting licences. Whenever a licence expires, the weighbridge becomes non-functional. This would not suggest that any goods carrier is allowed to pass by the government officials in breach of law. Such rejoinder affidavit may be filed by the State by 10th September, 2025.

List this PIL on 16th September, 2025.

(W. Diengdoh)
Judge

(Justice I.P. Mukerji)
Chief Justice

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