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HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA
AT SHILLONG

PIL No. 8 of 2022

Date of Order: 24.07.2025

Shri Champer M. Sangma

Vs. State of Meghalaya & Ors.

Coram:

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

Hon'ble Mr. Justice W. Diengdoh, Judge

Appearance:

For the Petitioner(s)

: Mr. K. Paul, Sr. Adv. with
Mr. S. Chanda, Adv.
Mr. S. Deb, Adv.

For the Respondent(s)

: Mr. A. Kumar, AG with
Ms. R. Colney, GA (For R 1&2, 5-12)
Mr. Y. Bhama, (For R 14)

Per. H.S. Thangkhiew, Judge :

Mr. K. Paul, learned Senior counsel assisted by Mr. S. Chanda, learned counsel has specially appeared today on behalf of the petitioner, with regard to the affidavit filed by the respondent No. 14, wherein certain allegations have been made against the counsel appearing for the petitioner. The learned Senior counsel has taken this Court through the various averments made therein, which he submits has cast a stigma on the said counsel and also will affect the adjudication of the matter.

The affidavit which is stated to be objectionable, has been perused by this Court and indeed it is noted and seen, that certain statements have been made therein, which has cast severe aspersions and has attributed wrongdoing on a counsel appearing for the petitioner in this matter, which are very serious in nature.

On the observation made by the Court that the averments made in the affidavit are totally uncalled for and unwarranted, and if any grievance the respondent might have against the counsel, adequate alternate procedures exist in law, Mr. Y. Bhama, appearing in person for the respondent No. 14, prays that he may be allowed to withdraw the affidavit and that the same be expunged from the records.

The prayer of Mr. Y. Bhama, appearing in person for the respondent No. 14, is considered and the affidavit is allowed to be withdrawn and taken-off the records. However, a note of caution and warning is necessary to be recorded, that personal grievances cannot and should not, be aired in the manner as portrayed in the affidavit by the respondent No. 14, herein or by any litigant before this Court, inasmuch as, the same tarnishes the image of the entire legal fraternity.

The respondent No. 14 however, is permitted to file a rejoinder affidavit, on merits.

Accordingly, list this matter on 25.08.2025.

(W. Diengdoh)
Judge

(H.S. Thangkhiew)
Judge

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