

<u>Serial No. 01</u> <u>Regular List</u>

HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA
AT SHILLONG

PIL No. 8 of 2022

Date of Order: 23.02.2026

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. S. Deb, Adv.
Ms. E. Dkhar, Adv.

For the Respondent(s) : Mr. A. Kumar, AG
Ms. R. Colney, GA (For R 1,2, 5-12)
Mr. Y. Bhama, (In person) (For R 14)

Per. H.S. Thangkhiew, Judge:

This Court on hearing the matter notes that countless affidavits and rejoinder affidavits have been filed and exchanged, but the issue that still remains is the question that had been flagged by this Court in the order dated 11.04.2023, leaving it open to the respondent No. 14, to file a further affidavit, if necessary to indicate the source of the quantity of coal.

Though Mr. Y. Bhama, appearing in person today has reiterated his submission that this query has been answered, by way of the GST invoices that have been annexed to the affidavit dated 25.04.2023, but on the other hand Mr. S. Deb, learned counsel for the PIL petitioner has countered this

submission by stating that this has not met the query, as to the source and origin of the coal.

The parties have also referred to the Report filed by the Police in Assam, who are also arrayed as party respondents herein, which had been filed before this Court by way of affidavit.

This Court notes that as the above question still remains, and as it is felt desirable to bring a closure to this matter, the respondents Nos, 3, 3A & 4, be re-put to notice to appear, and to assist this Court on the next date.

Registry and the PIL petitioner to take steps and intimate/notify the said respondents.

List this matter on 23.03.2026

(W. Diengdoh)
Judge

(H.S. Thangkhiew)
Judge

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