



Serial No.05
Supp. List

HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA
AT SHILLONG

WP(C). No. 220 of 2026

Date of Order: 22.05.2026

Shri. Rajesh Basfor & 21 Ors.

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
Mr. R.Pahsyntiew, Adv.

For the Respondent(s) : Ms. N.G.Shylla, Sr. GA with
Ms. Z.E.Nongkynrih, GA for R 1 & 2
Mr. S.Dey, Adv. for R 3-6
Mr. P.R.Paske, Adv. for R 7.

1. Heard Dr. N.Mozika, learned Sr. counsel assisted by Mr. R.Pahsyntiew, learned counsel for the petitioner.

2. Issue notice.

3. The State respondents No. 1 & 2 are represented by Ms. N.G.Shylla, learned Sr. GA, the respondents No. 3, 4, 5 & 6 are present through Mr. S.Dey, learned counsel, and Mr. P.R.Paske, learned counsel is present for the respondent No. 7 through caveat, as such, no further notice is required.



4. The grievance of the writ petitioners as submitted, is with the individual notices of eviction which have been issued to the petitioners on 28-04-2026, directing them to vacate the land in question which is stated to be in the ownership of the respondent No. 7. Learned Sr. counsel for the petitioners has submitted that the eviction notices were issued pursuant to an order dated 05-03-2026, passed by the respondent No. 3. It is contended that the respondent No. 3 i.e. the Chief Executive Member has no jurisdiction to entertain such matters, and further that the eviction orders were passed without affording any opportunity of hearing to the petitioners. He therefore, prays that in the interim some protection be given.

5. Ms. N.G.Shylla, learned Sr. GA for the respondents No. 1 & 2 submits that as the State respondents are not contesting parties, no instructions or affidavit will be forthcoming from the said respondents.

6. Mr. S.Dey, learned counsel for the respondents No. 3, 4, 5 & 6 prays for and is allowed some time to obtain instructions on the matter.

7. Mr. P.R.Paske, learned counsel for the respondent No. 7 caveator, has drawn the attention of this Court to the earlier proceedings on the same matter, wherein the caveator as writ petitioner, had approached this Court by way of WP(C). No. 459 of 2022. This Court, he submits, by order dated 26-09-2023 had recorded the submissions of the Tura Municipal Board,



wherein the status of occupation of the land was stated to be uncertain. He therefore submits that no interference is called for at this stage.

8. On hearing the learned counsel for the parties and also examining the materials available, it is seen that the eviction notices, as submitted, were issued pursuant to the order of the learned Chief Executive member. What is apparent is that the petitioners who are stated to occupying the said land in question were not afforded any opportunity in the said hearing. In this view of the matter, a prima facie has been made out for some interim orders at this stage. It is therefore directed that the eviction notices dated 28-04-2026, shall not be given effect to till the next date.

9. List this matter on 16-06-2026 for further orders.

Judge

Meghalaya
22.05.2026
"Samantha PS"