

Serial No. 02
Supplementary List

HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA
AT SHILLONG

WP(C) No. 309 of 2025

Date of Order: 29.07.2025

Smti Hasina Khatun

Vs. State of Meghalaya & Ors.

Coram:

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

Appearance:

For the Petitioner(s) : Mr. S.K Hassan, Adv.

For the Respondent(s) : Mrs. N.G. Shylla, Sr. GA with
Mr. J.N. Rynjah, GA (For R 1-5)

Heard Mr. S.K. Hassan, learned counsel for the petitioner.

Issue notice.

Mrs. N.G. Shylla, learned Sr. GA is present and accepts notice on behalf of the respondents Nos. 1 to 5, so no further notice is called for in respect of these respondents.

Notice to go to the remaining respondents by registered AD within 3(three) days.

The grievance of the writ petitioner as projected in the writ petition is with the disqualification of 14(fourteen) job card holders from participating in the elections to the Ambari VEC, West Garo Hills District.

It is submitted by Mr. S.K Hassan, learned counsel for the petitioner that after the verification of job card holders, in the night preceding the elections, the final list of the valid job card holders was released totaling 84 (eighty-four), and 14(fourteen) job card holders were declared ineligible to vote. He further submits that this has materially affected the elections, inasmuch as, further 18(eighteen) voters did not participate. He therefore, prays that in the interim, the elections result be not given effect to.

Mrs. N.G. Shylla, learned Sr. GA for the State respondents in reply has submitted that the reasons given for declaring the 14(fourteen) voters as eligible and valid have been recorded in the remarks of the respondent No. 5. She further submits that even if all these voters had cast their votes in favour of the petitioner, the result will still not be affected. She therefore submits that no interim orders are called for at this stage.

On hearing the learned counsel for the parties and on examination of the materials as placed and as submitted by the learned counsel for the petitioner that the winning candidate i.e. the respondent No. 6 had secured 50 (fifty) votes, whereas 16(sixteen) votes have been polled in favour of the petitioner, thus even taking into consideration the fact that had the remaining voters cast their votes in favour of the petitioner, the same would not materially affect the result.

In this view of the matter, no interim orders are called for at this stage. Affidavit to be filed within 3(three) weeks.

Accordingly, list this matter on 13.08.2025.

JUDGE

Meghalaya
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