

Serial No. 01
Supplementary List

HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA
AT SHILLONG

WP(C) No. 310 of 2025

Date of Order: 30.07.2025

Shri Sevenborn Tang

Vs. The Jaintia Hills Autonomous
District Council & Ors.

Coram:

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

Appearance:

For the Petitioner(s) : Mr. S. Sen, Adv. with
Mr. M.U. Ahmed, Adv.

For the Respondent(s) : Dr. N. Mozika, Sr. Adv. with
Mr. M.L. Nongpiur, Adv.

Heard Mr. S. Sen, learned counsel for the petitioner.

Issue notice

Dr. N. Mozika, learned Senior counsel assisted by Mr. M.L. Nongpiur, learned counsel is present and accepts notice on behalf of all the respondents, so no further notice is called for.

The grievance of the writ petitioner is that on having entered into agreement by way of open tender for appointment as Council's Agent/Lessee for Revenue Stations to collect royalty on forest products, the respondents apparently on a complaint by a certain NGO known as

Hynniewtrep Integrated Territorial Organization (HITO), by the impugned order has truncated the period of lease from 3(three) years to 1(one) year, without any opportunity of hearing being given to the writ petitioner.

This Court notes that the Executive Committee itself on 16.07.2025 had written to the Superintendent of Police, East Jaintia Hills District, clarifying the situation that the petitioner was a valid lessee and discharging the duties diligently, but however the impugned order dated 24.07.2025, speaks otherwise.

Dr. N. Mozika, learned Senior counsel for the respondents submits that he will obtain instructions and file affidavit.

In this matter it noted that a Constitutional Body, it appears has issued the impugned order on the basis of an FIR filed by an NGO. Accordingly for proper adjudication of the matter, it is deemed necessary for the said NGO (HITO) be arrayed as party respondent in the proceedings, through its President/Secretary. Registry to obtain the address details, and steps to be taken by the petitioner upon the said NGO.

Further from the submissions and materials placed on record, a prima facie case has been made out for issuance of interim orders at this stage. Accordingly, the impugned order shall remain stayed, until further orders.

List this matter on 14.08.2025.

JUDGE

Meghalaya
30.07.2025
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