



Serial No. 07
Supplementary List

HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA
AT SHILLONG

WP(C) No. 286 of 2026

Date of Order: 26.06.2026

Shri. Tobius Tiewdop

Vs.

KHADC & 2 Ors.

Coram:

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

Appearance:

For the Petitioner/Appellant(s) :

Mr. K. Paul, Sr. Adv. with
Mr. S. Thapa, Adv.
Mr. B. Snaitang, Adv.

For the Respondent(s) :

Ms. P.S. Nongbri, Adv. (For R 1)
Mr. S. Sen, Adv. (For R 3).

1. This instant writ application has been filed by the writ petitioner who is the Secretary of the Shella Village Dorbar questioning the public notice dated 22.06.2026, whereby the Headman of Shella Village has called for a public meeting to discuss the well-being of the village and amongst other things.



2. Mr. K. Paul, learned Senior counsel assisted by Mr. S. Thapa, learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the calling for the meeting by the Headman/Respondent No. 3 is without any authority, inasmuch as, the role of the Headman in Shella is only with regard to the village Court and he does not possess any administrative powers, the same which are vested with the Petitioner Secretary of the Village Dorbar. He therefore submits that the notice being without any jurisdiction, the same is liable to be interfered with by this Court.

3. Mr. S. Sen, learned counsel appearing for the respondent No. 3/Headman has submitted that the writ petition is itself premature, inasmuch as, firstly, the petitioner could have resorted to alternative remedy by way of an appeal or a petition before the Chief/Wahadadar of Shella Confederacy. He further submits that the notice itself does not show anywhere that the meeting has been convened only for the purposes of removing the petitioner from office. He therefore contends that the entire writ being on apprehension, no interference is called for at this stage. Moreover, he submits that the Rules governing the administration of the Shella Village namely ***Ka Riti Synshar Shnong jong ka Dorbar Shnong Shella***, Article 29 has vested the petitioner with certain duties and these are not confined only to being the Chairman of the Village Court. He therefore



submits that no interference is called for and the writ petition be not entertained.

4. This Court has heard the learned counsel for the parties and perused the materials that have been placed. Coming to the impugned notice, it is seen that the same is under the hand of the Headman/Respondent No. 3, and a detailed reading of the same shows that the meeting is sought to be convened to address certain issues that are allegedly plaguing the Dorbar of Shella Village, and also the manner in which the petitioner is conducting his activities. It is noted from the notice notwithstanding the question as to the authority of the Headman to convene such a meeting, the same does not specifically relate to any proposal to remove or suspend the petitioner from office, an action which is certainly not within the powers of the Headman.

5. In these circumstances, as the matter deserves further consideration, the Respondent No. 3 is permitted to file an affidavit including a challenge to maintainability on the ground of alternative remedy within 10(ten) days.

6. Ms. P.S. Nongbri, learned counsel appearing for the Respondent No. 1 has also raised the question of maintainability of the writ petition, and she prays that she may be allowed to file an affidavit.

7. Prayer is allowed.

8. Let notice be issued to the respondent No. 2 within three days.



9. Further, it is provided that till the next date, status quo shall be maintained as on today, with regard to the office of the Petitioner notwithstanding the meeting that is to be convened. It is made clear that whatever is decided in the meeting will be subject to the outcome of this writ petition.

10. List this matter on 6th July, 2026.

Judge

Meghalaya
26.06.2026
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