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HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA
AT SHILLONG

WP(C). No. 296 of 2026

Date of Order: 15.07.2026

All Meghalaya Contractor and Supplier Vs. State of Meghalaya & Ors.
Association (A.M.C.S.A.) & Anr.

Coram:

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

Appearance:

For the Petitioner/Applicant(s) : Mr. V.K.Jindal, Sr. Adv. with
Mr. S.Goenka, Adv.

For the Respondent(s) : Mr. N.D.Chullai, AAG with
Mr. E.R.Chyne, GA.
Ms. S.Kh. Nongrum, GA.

1. Heard Mr. V.K.Jindal, learned Sr. counsel assisted by Mr. S.Goenka,
learned counsel for the petitioner.

2. Mr. N.D.Chullai, learned AAG assisted by Mr. E.R.Chyne, learned
GA is present on behalf of all the respondents, no further notice is required.

3. The instant matter was fixed today for hearing on the question of
maintainability in view of the fact that on the date the writ petition was
presented for filing before this Court, the petitioner's Society was not in
possession of a valid Registration Certificate, inasmuch as, the same was



valid only upto 21-07-2016. On this question, extensive arguments have been advanced by both the parties on the maintainability of the writ petition, and Mr. V.K.Jindal, learned Sr. counsel has also placed decisions which show that once a Society is registered, it does not cease to exist as an entity and continues to do so, until dissolved in accordance with law.

4. Mr. N.D.Chullai, learned AAG for the respondents has also advanced his arguments on the consequences of non-registration and has taken this Court to the Amendment Rules dated 17-09-2012, wherein clause 3.5 had been inserted, which allows for renewal.

5. Be that as it may, as this question still remains open, the State respondents are directed to put in an objection on affidavit, on the question of maintainability.

6. On the main merits of the matter, though the initial issue has not yet been settled, learned Sr. counsel for the petitioner has submitted that some interim protection is necessary to protect the interest of members of the society, who are small contractors and for the State to consider retendering the work of the ancillary civil works, which can be carried out by the members of society.

7. Mr. N.D.Chullai, learned AAG, however, has vehemently objected to the prayer for interim orders, and has submitted that the matter is of extreme



public importance, and further the tender has since been opened on 13-07-2026. He therefore submits that no interference is called for at this stage.

8. On hearing the learned counsel for the parties, it is seen that as the issue of maintainability is yet to be decided, the same is left open to be decided along with the main writ petition. With regard to the prayer for interim protection, it is noted that as the tender has since been opened, no interim orders are called for at this stage. However, needless to add that the matter will be subject to the final outcome of the writ petition.

9. List this matter on 06-08-2026.

Judge

Meghalaya
15.07.2026
"Samantha PS"