



HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA
AT SHILLONG

WP (C) No.317/2026

Date of order: 12.08.2026

Registrar General,
High Court of Meghalaya

Vs.

State of Meghalaya & ors

Coram:

Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Revati Mohite Dere, Chief Justice
Hon'ble Mr. Justice W. Diengdoh, Judge

Appearance in:

For the Petitioner : -

For the Respondents : Mr. A. Kumar, Advocate General with
Mr. A.H. Kharwanlang, Addl.Sr.GA
Dr. N. Mozika, DSGI with
Ms. K. Gurung, Adv

On 11th August, 2026, we passed the following order;

“The Registry has submitted the status of medical bills and travel allowance and other bills of Judicial Officers in the State, which have been pending with the State Government, in different departments since 2014, 2017, 2018 and many more thereafter.

2. We have perused the statements with respect to the pending bills before the government authorities. From the said statement, it appears that there is one bill of ₹57,680/-, which is pending since October, 2014 in e-Proposal and no sanction order has been received till date. It further appears that, there is one bill for a sum of ₹15,860/-, which is a travel allowance bill pending with the Law Department since 2017; there is another bill for a sum of ₹22,126/-, which is pending in e-Proposal since June, 2018, and many more such bills.



3. Several bills are pending with the State Government even from 2020 onwards, both medical bills as well as travelling allowance bills. Most of them seem to be pending with the Law Department and in most cases, no sanction order is received till date.

4. Considering the aforesaid i.e., the time that has taken for clearing the bills and the repeated endeavours made by the concerned department of the High Court to ensure expeditious reimbursement of the same, the same has not been paid by the State Government, for reasons best known.

5. In this view of the matter, we deem it appropriate to direct the Secretary, Law Department and the Secretary, Finance Department, Government of Meghalaya, to remain present in Court tomorrow i.e., **12th August, 2026 at 10:30 am.** Learned Advocate General to inform both the Secretary, Law Department and the Secretary, Finance Department of the order passed today. We are constrained to observe that, for the delay in processing the bills within a reasonable time, we may be required to direct interest to be paid on the delayed payment and, even initiate departmental inquiry.

6. As far as other issues are concerned, we find that most of them have been granted in-principle approval but are awaiting finance EC (II) concurrence.

7. As far as paragraph 6 of the order dated 15th July, 2026, Dr. N. Mozika, learned DSGI, seeks time. Time granted.

8. Stand over to **12th August, 2026.**”

2. Pursuant thereto both, the Secretary, Law Department and Secretary, Finance Department, are present in Court.



3. We were constrained to direct the said officers to remain present, having regard to the fact that there was enormous delay in processing bills of Judicial Officers and employees of the High Court. In some cases, bills are pending since 2014, 2017, 2019 and so on.

4. There are several other issues/proposals sent by the High Court from time to time, however, the said proposals were either pending in e-Proposal or with the Law Department or with the Finance Department. These delays greatly impact the administration of justice.

5. When confronted with the pending bill, both, medical and travel allowances of Judicial Officers across the State, Mr. Kumar, learned Advocate General on instructions states, that all the proposals forwarded by the High Court will be taken up and dealt with expeditiously. He seeks time till 7th September, 2026.

6. As far as bills of Judicial Officers both, medical and travel allowances are concerned, some which are pending from 2014,



2017, 2018, 2019 etc., Mr. Kumar, learned Advocate General states that all the said bills will be processed and disbursed within two weeks from today. He makes the said statement on the instruction of the officers present in Court.

7. We have perused some of the bills of the Judicial Officers, which have been pending from 2014 to 2022 and even thereafter. Some of the amounts are extremely negligible and small, yet they have not been disbursed till date, for reasons best known. We presently, since, we intend to award interest on delayed payment, wish to reproduce the list of pending bills from 2014 to 2022;

“Bills of Judicial Officers which have been pending w.e.f 2014 to 2020

SI No.	Amount	First Letter No. & Date of submission to the State Government	Latest Letter No. & Date of Submission to the State Government	Remarks, if any
1.	Rs. 57,680/-	ESG/D&SJ/W.Court/9/2014/1 dated 27 th October, 2014	ESG/D&SJ/W.Court/9/2014/1 dated 27 th October, 2014	Pending in e-proposal. No sanction order received till date.
2.	Rs. 15,860/-	No. EST/EXP-2/16/341 Dated 10/07/2017	LAWD/HCM/00769/262 7/GEN dated 28-07-2026	Pending with Law Department.
3.	Rs. 22,126/-	No. DSJ.1/Car/2014-18/1368 Dated 08-06-2018	No. DSJ.06/CJM/2025/Estt /306 Dated 09-12-2025	Pending in E-Proposal
4.	Rs.1,200/-	No. CJM/WJH/29/2019/14 dated 01-11-2019	No. CJM/WJH/29/2019/14 dated 01-11-2019	Pending with Law Department
5.	Rs.100/-	No. CJM/WJH/29/2019/14 dated 01-11-2019	No. CJM/WJH/29/2019/14 dated 01-11-2019	Pending with Law Department
6.	Rs.4,846/-	No. CJM/WJH/29/2019/35 dated 17-02-2020	No. CJM/WJH/29/2019/35 dated 17-02-2020	Pending with Law Department
7.	Rs. 12,056/-	No. DSJ.II/Actt/TE/2016-20/128 Dated 19/02/2020	LAWD/HCM/00766/262 7/GEN dated 28-07-2026	Pending with Law Department
Total	Rs. 1,13,868/-			



Bills of Judicial Officers which have been pending w.e.f 2021 to 2022

Sl. No.	Amount	Letter No. & Date of Submission to the State Government	First Letter No. & Date of submission to the state government	Remarks, if any
1	31,048	No.DSJ/NGN.115/2016/82, Dt 23.09.2021 Sanction No.LJ(A) 74/2019/48, Dt 20.12.2021	No.DSJ/NGN.115/2016/ 82, Dt 23.09.2021	Non-Drawal Certificate received from Treasury Office, Nongstoin on 21st July,2026 and the same are in process and prepared to submit to Law Department, Shillong via E-proposal for re-sanctioning of the same.
2	26,460	LAWD/HCM/00791/2627/GEN dated 30.07.2026	No.DSJ-RB- 17/2022/1/719 Dt 10/10/2022	Pending with Law Department
3	36,531	TE for Training to Delhi IPA, Letter No. DSJ/NGJ.75/2015/Pt.II/78, dated 30 Sept 2022	NO.DSJ/NGN.75/2015/P t.II/78, Dated Nongstoin the 30th September, 2022	Pending since April 2022. No sanction received till date. (The original bills submitted are still pending with the Law Department
4	39,965	TE for Training to NJA Bhopal, Letter No. DSJ/NGJ.75/2015/Pt.II/81, dated 10 Oct 2022	NO.DSJ/NGN.75/2015/P t.II/81, Dated Nongstoin the 10th October, 2022	Pending since June 2022. No sanction received till date, (The original bills submitted are still pending with the Law Department
5	4,320	TE for Training to High Court, Letter No. DSJ/NGJ.75/2015/Pt.II/81, dated 10 Oct 2022	NO.DSJ/NGN.75/2015/P t.II/81, Dated Nongstoin the 10th October, 2022	Pending since June 2022. No sanction received till date, (The original bills submitted are still pending with the Law Department
6	1,679	No. DSJ/WJH/290/2019/289 dated 26.08.2022	No. DSJ/WJH/290/2019/28 9 Dated 26.08.2022	
Total	₹1,40,003/-			



8. Considering that these bills are pending from 2014 to 2022, we deem it appropriate to direct the government to pay 9 per cent interest per annum, on all the aforesaid amounts from the date of submission of the bills, till date. As far as other bills from 2022 onwards, which are pending both, travelling allowances and medical bills, the same also to be released within two weeks from today.

9. As far as other proposals are concerned, learned Advocate General to file affidavit-in-reply before the next date. The same to be filed in the Registry.

10. Considering the enormous delay in sanctioning of the bills, we deem it appropriate to direct the Commissioner and Secretary, Law Department to conduct an inquiry and to take appropriate action against those responsible for the delay. The said report to be submitted to this Court on the next date.

11. Dr. Mozika, learned DSGI has tendered the minutes of the meeting held on 10th April, 2026, regarding GPO land adjacent to



the High Court of Meghalaya. The said minutes is taken on record. Learned DSGI states that till date, the issue has not been resolved though the State government has offered land at New Shillong. Both, Mr. Kumar, learned Advocate General as well as Dr. Mozika, learned DSGI state that they will hold a joint meeting with the concerned officers of the GPO, PWD Department and Urban Affairs Department and all other stakeholders, so as to resolve the said issue.

12. In the meantime, the concerned authorities of the GPO, PWD Department and Urban Affairs Department, to implement the suggestions mentioned in the minutes of the meeting held on 10th April, 2026. Needless to also state, that the Registrar General, High Court of Meghalaya be invited to the meeting(s) of all the concerned departments, since he has earlier present in the meeting held.

13. We also request Shri Brajesh Kumar, Chief Postmaster General, North East Circle and Shri Nirmal Singh, DDG (Estates),



Department of Posts, Dak Bhavan, New Delhi, to appear through VC on the next date.

14. The presence of the Secretary, Law Department and Secretary, Finance Department is dispensed with on the next date.

15. Needless to state that, it is open for the learned Advocate General to invite the Registrar General, High Court of Meghalaya, if so necessary, so that all the issues/proposals sent by the High Court are taken to its logical end, by the government.

16. Stand over to **7th September, 2026.**

(W. Diengdoh)
Judge

(Revati Mohite Dere)
Chief Justice

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