



**Serial No. 04**  
**Regular List**

**HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA**  
**AT SHILLONG**

WP(C) No. 403 of 2026

Date of Order: 07.09.2026

Shri Abdul Gofur Miah

**Vs.** State of Meghalaya & Ors.

**Coram:**

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

**Appearance:**

For the Petitioner(s) : Ms. M. Rahman, Adv.

For the Respondent(s) : Mr. J.N. Rynjah, GA (For R 1&2,4-7)  
Mr. J. Suchiang, Adv. (For R 3)

Heard Ms. M. Rahman, learned counsel for the petitioner.

Issue notice.

Mr. J.N. Rynjah, learned GA is present and accepts notice on behalf of the respondents Nos. 1 & 2, 4 to 7. Mr. J. Suchiang, learned counsel is present on behalf of the respondent No. 3, so no further notice is called for in respect of these respondents.

Issue notice to the respondents Nos. 8 to 12, by registered AD within 3(three) days.

The grievance of the writ petitioner is that the private respondents have indulged in felling of trees in the Patta lands held by the petitioner,



and in spite of filing of FIRs, which have been received on 15.07.2026 and on 05.08.2026, and also a complaint before the respondent No. 3, on 01.08.2026, and before the respondent No. 5, on 02.08.2026, no action has been taken by the concerned respondents. She therefore, prays that in the interim status quo be maintained, and that the trees be not allowed to be removed, or any further felling of trees be allowed by the authorities.

Mr. J.N. Rynjah, learned GA for the respondents Nos. 1, 2, 4 to 7, has submitted that as per his instructions, the trees that have been felled are not situated within the Patta land of the petitioner, and as such there being disputed question of facts, the writ petition itself, is not maintainable.

Mr. J. Suchiang, learned counsel for the respondent No. 3, prays that he may be allowed to obtain instructions.

This Court notes that whatever the case may be, as photographs have been annexed that there is large scale felling of trees, and if the allegations of the writ petitioner are correct, irreparable cause would be caused, apart from the environmental degradation caused.

In this view of the matter, status quo shall be maintained and the authorities are to ensure that the trees are not to be removed, and no further felling of trees be allowed from the said area in question, until the next date. The authorities also to act on the FIRs, filed by the writ petitioner.

Mr. J.N. Rynjah, learned GA, to obtain specific instructions.

List this matter on 25.09.2026.

**JUDGE**

Meghalaya  
07.09.2026



**"V. Lyndem-AR-PS"**