

HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA
AT SHILLONG

WP(C) No. 535 of 2025

Date of Order: 29.10.2025

The Raj Namdong & Anr.

Vs.

JHADC & 110 Ors.

Coram:

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

Appearance:

For the Petitioner/Appellant(s) :

Mr. G. Syngkrem, Adv.
Ms. A.D. Syiem, Adv.

For the Respondent(s) :

Dr. N. Mozika, Sr. Adv. with
Mr. M.L. Nongpiur, Adv. (For R 1-5)

1. Heard Mr. G. Syngkrem, learned counsel for the petitioner.
2. Issue notice, returnable within three weeks.
3. Dr. N. Mozika, learned Senior counsel assisted by Mr. M.L. Nongpiur, learned counsel is present and accepts notice on behalf of the respondents No. 1-5, so no further notice is called for upon these respondents.

4. Notice to issue to the respondent No. 6, who is the Waheh Shnong of Elaka Nongjingi, West Jaintia Hills District. No notices to the other private respondents at this stage.
5. The grievance of the writ petitioner as projected, is with the deforestation of a forest known as 'Thadmynri' which it is submitted is under the jurisdiction of the petitioner Rajj Namdong. It is also submitted that pursuant to an agreement, which was executed in 1980, between the petitioners and the Jaintia Autonomous District Council, the said forest was to be kept under their care and management, which he alleges has not been the case, inasmuch as, people from adjoining villages have entered the forest, cultivated broomsticks and have engaged in deforestation.
6. As the matter is serious, the learned Senior counsel for the respondents is directed to obtain necessary instructions.
7. List this matter on 20th November, 2025.

Judge

Meghalaya
29.10.2025
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