

HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA
AT SHILLONG

WA No.87/2024

Date of order: 16.12.2025

Meghalaya Power Distribution v. Darren Damanbha Kharkongor & anr
Corporation Limited (MEPDCL)

Coram:

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Soumen Sen, Chief Justice
Hon'ble Mr. Justice W. Diengdoh, Judge

Appearance:

For the Appellant : Mr. A.S. Pandey, GA with
Mr E.R. Chyne, GA

For the Respondent : Mr. S. Jindal, Adv

During the hearing of the appeal, we are of the view that appropriate notice be served upon the Secretary, Power Department, Government of Meghalaya along with the copy of the pleadings filed in Court. An appropriate notice also be served upon the learned Advocate General along with all the pleadings filed in this appeal.

2. Since it relates to policy decision of the State with regard to electricity connection being provided to various districts of Meghalaya, we are of the view that the presence of the State would help us in deciding the issue more comprehensively. However, it is not in dispute that the elder of the Kharkongor Clan has issued the patta on the donated land in favour of the appellant upon receiving a sum of ₹1 lakh. The head of the clan is not party to this proceeding. The present writ petitioners are

claiming to belong to the said clan whose land has been donated by the head of the clan upon a consideration and they have executed the lease deed in favour of the appellants who has constructed the sub-station on the said land. Whether in the facts and circumstances of the case, they would be entitled to regularisation of their appointment in terms of the amendment of paragraph 7 of the Office Memorandum dated 30.08.2017 would be the issue required to be decided in this appeal.

3. Considering the fact that the said land has been utilised for the public purpose, we would like to hear the learned Advocate General on said issue as regards the claim of employment of the writ petitioners/respondents.

4. A copy of this order shall also be forwarded along with the pleadings to the learned Advocate General and Secretary of the Department concerned within a week from date by the learned Advocate-on-Record for the appellants.

5. List the matter on 27.01.2026.

(W. Diengdoh)
Judge

(Soumen Sen)
Chief Justice

Meghalaya
16.12.2025
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