

HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA
AT SHILLONG

PIL No. 13 of 2025

Date of order: 04.12.2025

The Registrar General, vs. State of Meghalaya
High court of Meghalaya

Coram:

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Soumen Sen, Chief Justice
Hon'ble Mr. Justice H.S.Thangkhiew, Judge

Appearance:

For the Petitioner : Ms E. Slong, Adv.
Vice S. Chakrawarty, Amicus Curiae

For the Respondent : Mr A. Kumar, AG with
Mr A.H. Kharwanlang, Addl Sr GA

The learned Advocate General has prayed for time to file a detailed affidavit after examining the relevant records with regard to the history and its transition to becoming a circuit house of the State. The State has already enacted the Meghalaya Heritage Act, 2012 in which an authority has been constituted namely, the Meghalaya Heritage Authority for the purpose of exercising powers and performing the functions assigned under the Act.

Meghalaya has a rich history and heritage. Every civilization is known for its own culture which is best understood and appreciated in its creation manifested in buildings, monuments and artefacts to mention a few. Even the preservation of the literature, arts and culture of that time

so far its restoration is possible is essential for knowledge. There should be proper identification of heritage buildings as they bring out the culture and architecture of the period. The restoration and preservation is required for the present and future generation to become aware of the rich heritage and culture of this place.

We direct the Heritage Committee to file a detailed report with regard to the identification of buildings, artefacts, structures, etc. in terms of Section 3 of the Meghalaya Heritage Act, 2012 and steps taken for restoration and preservation. The Committee shall also examine the heritage statue of the building in question which prima facie appears to have historical importance and shall file a report on the adjourned date.

The time to file an affidavit by the State is also extended till 05.02.2026.

The matter shall be listed on 06.02.2026.

The interim order shall continue till the disposal of the matter.

(H.S.Thangkhiew)
Judge

(Soumen Sen)
Chief Justice

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