

Serial No.06
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HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA
AT SHILLONG

WP(C). No. 664 of 2025

Date of Order: 26.03.2026

Smti. Legitha D. Sangma

Vs. State of Meghalaya & Ors.

Coram:

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

Appearance:

For the Petitioner/Applicant(s) : Mr. P.T.Sangma, Adv.
Ms. G.Ch. Marak, Adv.

For the Respondent(s) : Mr. N.D.Chullai, AAG with
Ms. R.Colney, GA.

Mr. N.D.Chullai, learned AAG assisted by Ms. R.Colney, learned GA for the respondents, today has apprised the Court that as per the Meghalaya Excise Act, the distance as per Rule 183 (2) (a), No IMFL and Beer retail 'OFF' and "ON' license shall be established in any area within a distance of 200 (two hundred) meters from any place of public worship or educational institution or hospital.

In the instant case, it is noted that in the Minutes of the meeting held on 19-03-2026, it has been categorically recorded that the wineshop of the petitioner is approximately 200 meters away from Tura Town Church and the Niksenggittim Baptist Church, and also the nearest educational institution is atleast 300 metres away from the nearest development committee i.e. the Walbakgre Development Committee, whose members

were present in the meeting. It appears therefore, that the petitioner, apart from possessing a valid license to operate the wineshop also comes within the exemptions provided under the Meghalaya Excise Act. However, as objections in the meeting have been raised by the persons who have been noted at page 3 of the report at Sl. No. 3, 4 & 5, before the matter is disposed of, the petitioner is directed to put in an appropriate application for impleading the said persons.

List this matter on 09-04-2026.

Mr. N.D.Chullai, learned AAG also prays for and is allowed to bring the Minutes of the meeting on record by way of an affidavit.

Judge

Meghalaya
26.03.2026
"Samantha PS"