

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF MANIPUR
AT IMPHAL**

WP(C) No. 1 of 2026

Huidrom Sarojubala Devi & Anr.

...Petitioners

- Versus -

State of Manipur & 5 Ors.

...Respondents

**With
MC(WP(C)) No. 1 of 2026**

**B E F O R E
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A. GUNESHWAR SHARMA**

ORDER

02-01-2026

These matters are listed as Special Court due to urgency involved in the matters.

Heard Mr. L. Shyam, learned counsel for the petitioners and Mr. H. Debendra, learned Dy. Advocate General assisted by Mr. O. Ratan Kumar, learned Dy. Government Advocate on behalf of the State respondents.

The petitioners who are residents of Langol Reserved Forest approached this Court by way of the present writ petition challenging the eviction notice dated 26-12-2025 issued by the Divisional Forest Officer: Central Forest Division, Government of Manipur directing the petitioners and others to remove their structures from the premises under their occupations within 10 days from the date of the receipt of the notice. It is stated that the petitioners were given a copy of the impugned notice on the same day, i.e. 26-12-2025. In the petition, it is alleged that the Forest Officer has no jurisdiction in issuing the eviction notice as civil court. It is also stated that

the land is settled under the Manipur Land Revenue & Land Reforms Act, 1960 and without issuing Section 4 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927, the competent authority has no jurisdiction in issuing the eviction notice.

Mr. L. Shyam, learned counsel for the petitioner has also filed two writ petitions before this Court against the show cause notice as well as the consideration for allotment and the same are pending.

In the circumstances, list these cases on 07-01-2026 in the Vacation Court.

Till then, the parties are directed to maintain status quo as on date.

Furnish a copy of this order to the learned counsel appearing on behalf of appearing for the parties by Whatsapp or any other available modes.

JUDGE

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