

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

AB No. 2 of 2026

Maibam Atiqur Rehman.

...Petitioner

- Versus -

Officer in charge, Irilbung Police Station & Anr.

...Respondents

**With
CrI.M.C. No. 2 of 2026**

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

ORDER

20-01-2026

[1] Heard Mr. M. Gunedhor, learned counsel for the petitioner.

[2] The petitioner approached this Court seeking anticipatory bail under Section 482 BNSS, 2023 in connection with FIR No. 4(1)2026 IBG-PS u/s 109/117(2)/351 BNS 2023 & 25 (1-B) Arms Act. The allegation against the petitioner is that on 10-01-2026, he went to the house of the complainant (respondent No. 2 herein) and assaulted him and fired three rounds of bullet which hit the porch wall. The petitioner earlier approached the learned Sessions Judge, Imphal East by way of Cril. Misc. Case (AB) No. 1 of 2026 and on 13-01-2026, interim protection was granted. However, vide impugned order dated 17-01-2026, the bail application was rejected and the interim order was vacated after perusal of the report submitted by the IO. On perusal of the impugned order, it seems that the bail application was rejected as the petitioner did not mention that he heard sound of firing during the scuffle and escaped.

[3] Mr. M. Gunedhor, learned counsel for the petitioner, refers to the bail objection report submitted by the IO before the learned Sessions Judge, Imphal East to the effect that the accused is alleged to have fired 3 rounds but 4 projectiles were recovered and no empty cartridge has been recovered from the scene. It is stated that the petitioner was on interim bail and he appeared before the IO and the allegation of tampering/hampering the evidence is not proper.

[4] Issue notice to the respondents in both the main application as well as the prayer for interim relief.

[5] Mr. Th. Sukumar, learned PP, accepts notice on behalf of respondent No. 1 and the petitioner is directed to take steps to respondent No. 2 by speed post within one week and file an affidavit of proof of service.

[6] Mr. M. Gunedhor, learned counsel for the petitioner, prays for an interim protection till the next date as he has already cooperated with the investigation.

[7] On the other hand, Mr. Th. Sukumar, learned PP, submits that the bail application was rejected on perusing the bail objection report submitted by the IO and some of the witnesses stated that the petitioner took out a firearm and fired 3 rounds to the complainant and fragments of the bullet were recovered.

[8] This Court has considered the submissions made at the Bar and perused the material on record. Since the petitioner was on interim protection before the Trial Court and he appeared before the IO already, interim protection may be given to the petitioner. In case of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim bail on submission of PR bond of

Rs. 50,000/- with surety of the like amount (Government employee) to the satisfaction of the IO and the petitioner shall cooperate with the investigation and shall appear before the IO for recording on 23-01-2026 between 10.30 a.m. and 11.00 a.m. and on such date, as directed by the IO. The petitioner shall not influence any other person acquainted with the present case and shall not leave the State of Manipur without the permission of the Investigating Officer.

[9] List these cases on 04-02-2026.

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