

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

CONT. CAS (C) No. 114 of 2022

In re Contempt Case on reference

Petitioner

Vs.

Smt. Thiyam Ningol Irengbam Ongbi Mema Devi; & Ors.

Respondents

***Clubbed with
CRIL PETN No. 2 of 2020 with
CRP No. 2 of 2018 with
W.P. (Crl.) No. 4 of 2017***

BEFORE

**HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. KEMPAIAH SOMASHEKAR
(ORDER)**

05.08.2025

Learned senior counsel for respondent Nos. 1 & 2, Mr. Y. Nirmolchand; and learned senior counsel for respondent No. 3, Mr. T. Rajendra are present before the Court physically in the proceeding of CONT. CAS (C) No. 114 of 2022. Learned Government Advocate for the State, Mr. Athouba Khaidem and learned counsel for the other respondents, Mr. M. Gunedhor in the connected matters are also present before the Court physically.

The proceeding in Contempt Case No. 114 of 2022 has been referred by the Civil Judge (Senior Division), Imphal East, in Judl. Misc. Case No. 121 of 2017 and the same has been revealed in the office noting. This proceeding is connected with the proceedings in Cril. Petn. No. 2 of 2020, CRP No. 2 of 2018 and W.P. (Crl.) No. 4 of 2017.

Whereas, both the learned senior counsel, Mr. T. Rajendra and Mr. Y. Nirmolchand fairly submit the issues involved in these matters

are in between the sisters and that these matters may be referred to the Mediation Centre at High Court of Manipur to explore the possibility of amicable settlement in between the parties. This submission which is made by the learned senior counsel for the parties is taken on record.

However, keeping in view the status in these matters as well as keeping in view Rule 9 of the Contempt of Courts (High Court of Manipur) Rules, 2019, C-CIVIL CONTEMPT, which indicates that in a case of a Civil contempt other than the contempt referred to in Section 14, the High Court may take action –

- (a) on its own motion; or
- (b) on a petition presented by the parties aggrieved; or
- (c) in the case of any civil contempt of a subordinate court on a reference made to it by that Court.

In the meanwhile referring this Rule, the learned senior counsel, Mr. T. Rajendra has referred to Section 10 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971 relating to power vested with the High Court for punishment. However, the issues is in between sisters and even case has been referred by the Presiding Officer having the jurisdiction.

In a given peculiar facts and circumstances of these matters are concerned and also keeping in view the provision of Order 10 of CPC inclusive of Section 89 of CPC, it is deemed appropriate that these matters be referred to the Mediation Centre at High Court of Manipur and be scheduled on 19.08.2025.

All the parties are directed to be present physically before the Mediator on 19.08.2025 at 01:00 pm.

Registry is directed to furnish relevant material for the purpose of reference.

A copy of this order be furnished to all the learned counsel appearing for the parties through their WhatsApp/e-mail for doing the needful.

Sandeep

CHIEF JUSTICE