

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

WP(C) No. 137 of 2026

With

MC(WP(C)) No. 142 of 2026 With
MC(WP(C)) No. 181 of 2026 With
MC(WP(C)) No. 299 of 2025 With
MC(WP(C)) No. 70 of 2025 With
MC(WP(C)) No. 72 of 2026 With
WP(C) No. 175 of 2026 With
WP(C) No. 316 of 2025 With
WP(C) No. 66 of 2026 With
WP(C) No. 79 of 2025

R.K. Jibanlata Devi

Vs.

State of Manipur & 3 ors.

Petitioner/s

Respondents

BEFORE

**HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. M. SUNDAR
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AHANTHEM BIMOL SINGH
(ORDER)**

(Order of the Court was made by Mr. M. Sundar, CJ)

03.06.2026

[1] Mr. K. Parameshwar, learned Senior Advocate instructed by Mr. Niraj B. Paonam, learned counsel on record for writ petitioners in WP(C) Nos. 66 of 2026 & 79 of 2025 and Mr. Piyush Beriwal, learned counsel led by learned Advocate General for the State of Manipur are before this Court on the Video Conferencing (V.C.) platform. To be noted, learned Advocate General is in physical Court.

Mr. E. Premjit, learned counsel on record for writ petitioners in WP(C) Nos. 137 & 175 of 2026, Mr. N. Jotendro, learned senior counsel instructed by Mr. Abdul Baqee Khan, learned counsel on record for writ petitioner in WP(C) No. 316 of 2025, Mr. Lenin Hijam, learned Advocate General, Manipur instructed

by Mr. Piyush Beriwal (on V.C.) and Ms. Thanyonmi Keishing, learned State counsel and Mr. Kh. Tarunkumar, learned senior counsel instructed by Mr. M. Rustam, learned counsel on record for the High Court of Manipur are before this Court (physical Court).

[2] The legal drill of hearing out the main Writ Petitions (5 WPs) commenced.

[3] At the outset, it is appropriate to record three points and the same are as follows:

- (i) One of us (Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ahanthem Bimol Singh) was Chair of the Rules Committee and the amendment of a Rule *qua* this Court is central to the captioned matters. After this being made clear to all the afore-referred learned counsel and learned senior counsel, all the learned counsel and learned senior counsel submitted in one voice and in unison that they have no objection whatsoever for this Bench hearing the matter and requested/persuaded this Bench to hear the matter without recusal by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ahanthem Bimol Singh. To be noted, the other Hon'ble Judge of this Court was also a Member of the Rules Committee.
- (ii) All the afore-referred learned counsel and learned senior counsel agreed that proceedings made by this Court in the listing on 27.04.2026 will be the platform on which the legal drill at hand will proceed. To put it differently, proceedings

made by this Court in listing on 27.04.2026 shall now be based document *qua* the legal drill at hand.

- (iii) In the afore-referred 27.04.2026 proceedings, proceedings made by this Court on 17.02.2026 has been extracted and reproduced and in paragraph 1 thereat, we would now add WP(C) No. 175 of 2026 and refer to the same as V WP.

[4] After the hearing progressed for some time, the question as to considering ex post fact approval *vide* Article 229(2) read with the proviso thereat arose.

[5] Learned Advocate General and Senior Advocate Mr. Lenin Hijam, submitted that it would be desirable that learned State counsel Ms. Thanyomi Keishing is given some time (two weeks) to examine/explore the possibility of ex post fact approval *vide* sub-clause (2) [together with proviso thereat] of Article 229 of the Constitution.

[6] To enable learned State counsel and learned Advocate General to revert to this Court on the above aspect, let this matter stand over to a date after a fortnight.

[7] To be noted, all the afore-referred learned counsel and learned senior counsel in captioned matters before this Court agreed to this course i.e., writing that the matter would stand over to a date after a fortnight to enable learned State counsel and learned Advocate General to revert to this Court on the afore-referred aspect.

[8] List under the same cause-list caption i.e., 'AS PER HON'BLE SUPREME COURT ORDER' together with sub caption 'PART HEARD - HEARING' within parenthesis.

[9] List on 22.06.2026.

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JUDGE

CHIEF JUSTICE