

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

**WP(C) No. 255 of 2026**  
**With**  
**MC(WP(C)) No. 276 of 2026**

1. Bharat Prasad Sahu, aged about 45 years, S/o Gridhari Lal Sahu, resident of Tellipatti, PO & PS- Porompat, Imphal East- 795005.
2. Shayata Devi @ Sarita, aged about 50 years, W/o (L) Shyam Prasad, resident of Tellipatti, PO & PS- Porompat, Imphal East- 795005.
3. Sunita Devi @ Sarita, aged about 45 years, W/o Binod Prasad, resident of Tellipatti, PO & PS- Porompat, Imphal East- 795005.

***...Petitioner/s***

**Vrs.**

1. The State of Manipur, through the Secretary (Revenue), New Secretariat Building, Mantripukhri, Imphal East, Manipur – 795002.
2. The Deputy Commission, Imphal East District, Porompat, Manipur – 795005.
3. The Sub-Divisional Officer (SDO), Porompat Imphal East, Manipur-795005.

***...Respondent/s***

**-B E F O R E-**

**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AHANTHEM BIMOL SINGH**

For the petitioner : Mr. Anjan Prasad Sahu, Advocate

For the respondents : Mr. A. Priyokumar, Advocate

Date of order : **16.04.2026.**

**(O R D E R)**  
**ORAL**

[1] Heard Mr. Anjan Prasad Sahu, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and Mr. A. Priyokumar, learned counsel appearing for the respondents.

[2] The present writ petition has been filed with a prayer for quashing and setting aside the orders (3 in number) all dated 26.03.2026 passed by the Court of Sub-Divisional Officer, Porompat, Imphal East, Manipur in eviction case No. 5 of 2025/SDO/(P)/I/E directing the petitioner to remove the unauthorized structures on or before 29.03.2026, failing which eviction shall be carried out anytime without further notice.

[3] The learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that as soon as the petitioners received a copy of the said order, they approached the Revenue Commissioner, Imphal East, Government of Manipur by filing a statutory appeal as provided under section 6 of the Manipur Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorized Occupants) Act, 1978, however, the said appeal cannot be taken up and considered promptly by the said Revenue Commissioner, Imphal East, Government of Manipur.

[4] The learned counsel further submitted that being apprehensive that their alleged unauthorized structures will be removed by the authorities pending consideration and disposal of

the statutory appeal filed by the petitioners before the appellate authorities, the petitioner approach this Court by filing the present writ petition challenging the said eviction orders.

[5] Mr. A. Priyokumar, learned counsel appearing for the respondents submitted that he has received instructions that the said statutory appeal filed by the present petitioners before the Revenue Commissioner, Imphal East, Government of Manipur is still pending and as such, the present writ petition is not maintainable. The learned counsel, however, submitted that the present writ petition can be disposed of by directing the Revenue Commissioner, Imphal East, Government of Manipur to consider the said Statutory appeal filed by the petitioners expeditiously on its own merit and in terms of the applicable law.

[6] Mr. Anjan Prasad Sahu, learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners are apprehensive that unless an interim protection is granted to the petitioners pending consideration and disposal of the statutory appeal filed by them, the statutory appeal filed by them will be rendered infructuous. The learned counsel also submitted that the petitioners will approach the appellate authority for granting interim relief by filing appropriate applications and pending consideration of the said application for granting interim relief, the

respondents may be directed not to carried out the proposed eviction and that the present writ petition can be disposed.

[7] In view of the submission made by the learned counsel appearing for the parties, this Court is of the considered view that it will be in the interest of justice to issue the following directions:-

- (i) The petitioners are at liberty to approach the appellate authority for granting any interim relief with regard to the eviction of their structures as notified under the impugned order dated 26.03.2026 passed by the Court of Sub-Divisional Officer, Porompat, Imphal East by filing appropriate application. It is made clear that such application should be filed by the petitioner within a period of 1 week from today.
- (ii) In the event of filing such application by the petitioners in connection with the statutory appeal within a stipulated period of one week before the Revenue Commissioner, Imphal East, Government of Manipur, the appellate authority is directed to consider the same on its own merit and in accordance with law.

(iii) It is made clear that pending consideration and disposal of such application, the eviction of the alleged unauthorized structures for the petitioners should not be carried out.

[8] With the aforesaid directions, the present writ petition as well as the connected application are disposed of.

**JUDGE**

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