

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

**EL.PET. No. 3 of 2022**

With

El.Recr.Pet. No. 13 of 2022

With

MC(EI.Pet.) No. 21 of 2025

With

MC(EI.Pet.) No. 3 of 2025

With

MC(EI.Pet.) No. 58 of 2024

With

MC(EI.Pet.) No. 67 of 2023

Pukhrambam Sumati Devi

***Petitioner/s***

**Vrs.**

Sorokhaibam Rajen Singh & 3 ors.

***Respondent/s***

BEFORE

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

**02.02.2026**

Read this in conjunction with and in continuation of earlier proceedings made in the previous listings on 22.01.2026 and 29.01.2026 which read as follows;

**22.01.2026**

**Matter mentioned when the Single sitting commenced**

Ms. L. Ashapriya, learned counsel on record for election petitioner and Mr. A. Mohendro, learned counsel on record for returned candidate are before this Court.

Both learned counsel submit that recording of evidence is underway and both learned counsel agreed that captioned MC(EI.Pet.) No. 58 of 2024 which is for striking out pleadings taken

out by the returned candidate under Order VI Rule 16 of Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (CPC) can be heard out in the next listing.

List on 29.01.2026' and

**'29.01.2026**

Mr. H.S. Paonam, learned senior advocate instructed by Mr. M. Gunedhor, learned counsel on record for the election petitioner is before this Court and learned senior advocate is ready to advance arguments but there is no representation for the returned candidate.

With the intention of giving opportunity to returned candidate and learned counsel for the returned candidate, let this matter stand over to Monday.

List on 02.02.2026'.

2. Today in the hearing Mr. M. Gunedhor, learned counsel on record for election petitioner and Mr. A. Mohendro along with Mr. Kh. Lupenjit, learned counsel on record for returned candidate are before this Court.

3. Captioned MC(EI. Petn.) No.58 of 2024 has been taken out by the returned candidate with a prayer for striking out one limb of the prayers in election petition i.e., the limb which makes an alternate prayer vide Section 101 of RP Act, 1951 (alternate prayer to declare the election petitioner to be elected in the event election petition succeeds).

4. Learned counsel on both sides requested for a short accommodation for different reasons.

5. Be that as it may, there are three other respondents in the main election petition and they are respondent Nos.2, 3 & 4 in the captioned MC, though respondent Nos.2 to 4 have been duly served and have entered

appearance through counsel, there is no representation for respondent Nos. 2 to 4.

6. Owing to request of both sides and with the intension of giving an opportunity to respondent Nos.2-4, let these matters stand over to 10.02.2026 but with a caveat that the matter will be heard out on the basis of available records and on the basis of arguments of counsel before Court, if there is no representation for R2 to R4 in next listing also.

**CHIEF JUSTICE**

*Ab. Surjit*