

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

EL.PET. No. 7 of 2022

With

EL.Recr.Pet. No. 5 of 2022

Okram Joy Singh

Petitioner/s

Vrs.

Karam Shyam & anr.

Respondent/s

BEFORE

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

25.11.2025

In hearing today Mr. H. S. Paonam, learned senior advocate instructed by Mr. S. Gunabanta, learned counsel on behalf of election petitioner and Mr. A. Mohendro, learned counsel on behalf of returned candidate (first respondent)-Shri Karam Shyam Singh are before this Court.

2. Issue now is regarding the other respondent Shri Karam Nabakishor Singh as notwithstanding earlier proceedings dated 13.10.2025, learned counsel on record for election petitioner is unable to assist this Court on this. However from the case file, it is seen that Mr. Abdul Bagee Khan and Mr. Syed Murtaza, learned Advocates have been filed a Vakalatnama dated 19.10.2022 on behalf of Shri Karam Nabakishor Singh but their names are not shown in the cause list. There is also a judicial order dated 30.08.2022 setting R3 ex-parte but this order does not mention the name of respondent No.3. To be noted, one Shri Hijam Somorendro Singh who was respondent No.2 when election petition was filed was since deleted vide a Judicial Order dated 25.04.2024 made in this MC (El. Pet.) No. 18 of 2024, this means that

there are only two respondents namely returned candidate Shri Karam Shyam Singh and Mr. Karam Nabakishor Singh, as already alluded to supra, the position regarding service and as to whether he has entered appearance through counsel is not clear/certain. Let Registry put up a note and let counsel on record for the election petitioner assist this Court in next listing which will be on 16.12.2025.

3. List on 16.12.2025.

CHIEF JUSTICE

Ab. Surjit