

**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)**

16.12.2025

Read this in conjunction with and in continuation of the earlier proceedings made in the previous listing on 25.11.2025.

Pursuant to afore-mentioned proceedings, Registry has put up a note dated 05.12.2025.

Be that as it may, in the hearing today, Mr. H.S. Paonam, learned senior advocate instructed by Mr. S. Gunabanta, learned counsel on record for the election petitioner (Shri Okram Joy Singh) and Mr. A. Mohendro, learned counsel for the returned candidate (Shri Karam Shyam) are before this Court.

Adverting to earlier proceedings dated 25.11.2025, both sides submitted that when the election petition was filed, there were 3(three) respondents, R1(Shri Karam Shyam/returned candidate), R2(Shri Hijam Somarendro Singh) and R3(Shri Karam Nabakishore Singh).

In and by an order dated 30.08.2022, R3(Shri Karam Nabakishore Singh) was set ex-parte. Thereafter, R3(Shri Karam Nabakishore Singh), filed an application being MC(El.Pet.) No. 7 of 2024 with a prayer to set-aside the order

setting him ex-parte. On 25.04.2024, MC(El.Pet.) No. 7 of 2024 filed by R3(Shri Karam Nabakishore Singh), was disposed of as having become infructuous. This means that 30.08.2022 order operates. This also means that, Shri R3(Karam Nabakishore Singh), remains ex-parte.

This takes this order to Shri H. Somarendro Singh, who was R2 when the election petition was filed. In and by order dated 25.04.2024 made in MC(El. Pet. No. 18 of 2024), the name of Shri Hijam Somarendro Singh, was deleted.

The narrative thus far means that there is only 1 contesting respondent and that contesting respondent is the returned candidate (Shri Karam Shyam). The election petition will now proceed on this basis.

Captioned El.Recr.Pet. No. 5 of 2022 taken out by returned candidate has to be heard out. Mr. A. Mohendro, learned counsel is ready to make submissions but Mr. S. Gunabanta, learned counsel for the election petitioner, requests for a short accommodation on the ground that he needs time to brief senior counsel Mr. H.S. Paonam,

This request is acceded to.

List after winter vacation.

List on 30.01.2026.

CHIEF JUSTICE

Indrajeet