

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

PIL No. 3 of 2026

Families of Involuntarily Disappeared Association, Manipur
(FIDAM)

.....Petitioners

Vs.

Union of India and 8 others

.....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 M. Sundar, CJ)

15.04.2026.

[1] Captioned 'Public Interest Litigation' ('PIL' for the sake of brevity) has been filed with prayers *inter-alia* seeking transfer of investigation of all cases of missing persons to 'Central Bureau of Investigation' ('CBI' for the sake of brevity) or in the alternative, to constitute a 'Special Investigation Team' ('SIT' for the sake of brevity) under the supervision of this Court.

[2] Mr. O. Kiranjit Singh, learned counsel for PIL petitioners is before this Court and learned counsel draws our attention to a communication dated 20th June, 2024 bearing reference No.C-5/10/SP-BPR/2024(HR) (Annexure-A/8 at page 63). This is a communication from respondent No. 4 (the Superintendent of Police, Bishnupur District, Manipur, P.O. & P.S. Bishnupur, Bishnupur District, Manipur-795126) to

the Registry of 'Manipur Human Rights Commission' ('MHRC' for the sake of convenience). In this communication, in the last paragraph, there is a reference to a letter dated 04.01.2024 bearing reference No. C-4/26/SP-BPR/2023(CBI)/150 {letter from respondent No. 4 to respondent No. 3 (the Director General of Police, Manipur, having its office at Police Headquarters, P.O. & P.S. Imphal, Imphal West District, Manipur - 795001)}. It is mentioned that a transfer of cases proposal has been made in this 04.01.2024 letter but learned counsel for PIL petitioners submits that a copy of this 04.01.2024 letter was not furnished either to MHRC or to the counsel before MHRC.

[3] In the light of the narrative thus far, considering the facts and circumstances of the case and the nature of the matter, we deem it appropriate to order limited notice to respondent Nos. 3 and 4 alone for the present.

[4] Mr. A. Priyokumar Sharma, learned junior advocate to Mr. Soraisham Chittaranjan Singh, learned Additional Advocate General, Manipur who is present in Court, accepts notice for respondent Nos. 3 and 4. This Court wanted to peruse the afore-referred letter dated 4th January, 2024 and the action taken (if any) by respondent No. 3 on the same. Mr. A. Priyokumar Sharma, who has accepted notice for respondent Nos. 3 and 4, sought time to produce a copy of the afore-referred letter (letter dated 04.01.2024) of respondent No. 4 and ATR

(Action Taken Report) from respondent No. 3 detailing the response/action taken by respondent No. 3 on the letter.

[5] Depending on what unfurls in the ensuing hearing/s, this Court will consider the question of issue of notice to other respondents.

[6] Mr. A. Priyokumar requests for 2 (two) weeks time.

[7] List a fortnight hence.

[8] List on 29.04.2026.

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JUDGE

CHIEF JUSTICE