

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

EL.PET. No. 14 of 2022

With

EL.PET. No. 25 of 2022

Lourembam Sanjoy Singh

Petitioner/s

Vrs.

Thounaojam Shyamkumar & 2 ors.

Respondent/s

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

17.11.2025

Read this in conjunction with and in continuation of the earlier proceedings made in previous listing on 06.11.2025.

2. Today Mr. H.S. Paonam, learned senior advocate appearing on behalf of Mr. S. Gunabanta, counsel on record for the election petitioner and Ms. Ashapriya, learned counsel for the returned candidate are before this Court.

3. This Court has the benefit of a communication to the Registry dated 12.11.2025 from the learned Advocate Commissioner.

4. From the afore referred communication of learned Advocate Commissioner and the submissions of the learned senior counsel and learned counsel on both sides, it comes to light that returned candidate's spouse deposed as D.W. No.11 on 12.11.2025 and cross-examination was also completed on the said date. It further comes to light that the returned candidate will depose as D.W. No.12 and last witness on 19.11.2025. Learned

counsel on record for the returned candidate confirms that the returned candidate will depose before learned Advocate Commissioner on 19.11.2025. Mr. H. S. Paonam, learned senior counsel on instructions from Mr. S. Gunabanta, counsel on record for election petitioner submits that the returned candidate (D.W. No.12) will be cross-examined in full on the same day i.e., 19.11.2025 and this submission is also recorded.

5. Learned Advocate Commissioner to send the deposition to this Court.

6. This Court is informed that recording of evidence i.e., deposition thus far is only in election petition No. 14 of 2022 which has been filed by unsuccessful candidate. As regard the election petition No.25 of 2022 which has been filed by an elector, recording of evidence is yet to begin. Ideally, election petitioner's side (in both election petitions) should have been completed first and returned candidate's side evidence recording should have started thereafter. Unfortunately, that has not happened in this case. Therefore, this court makes it clear that post 19.11.2025, it is open to the Advocate Commissioner to commence recording of evidence in EL.PET. No.25 of 2022.

7. List on 24.11.2025.

CHIEF JUSTICE

Ab.Surjit