

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

El. Petn. No. 1 of 2022

Okram Henry Singh

... *Petitioner*

Vs.

Thangjam Arunkumar & ors.

... *Respondents*

With

El. Petn. No. 24 of 2022;
El. Recr. Petn. No. 16 of 2022;
MC(EI. Petn.) No. 136 of 2022;
MC(EI. Petn.) No. 138 of 2022;
MC(EI. Petn.) No. 50 of 2022;
MC(EI. Petn.) No. 67 of 2022

El. Recr. Petn. No. 1 of 2022;
MC(EI. Petn.) No. 135 of 2022;
MC(EI. Petn.) No. 137 of 2022;
MC(EI. Petn.) No. 171 of 2022;
MC(EI. Petn.) No. 55 of 2022 &

B E F O R E

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AHANTHEM BIMOL SINGH

02-03-2023

Mr. N. Bipin, learned counsel assisting Mr. H.S. Paonam, learned senior counsel appearing for the respondent No. 1 in El. Petn. No. 1 of 2022 again seeks adjournment of these cases on the ground that Mr. B.R. Sharma, learned counsel appearing for the said respondent No. 1 is out of station.

This prayer is vehemently objected to by Mr. Ajoy Pebam, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner on the ground that on one ground or the other, the respondent No. 1 kept on adjourning these cases time and again. Since under the statute, time period is prescribed to dispose of the election petition, this Court is of the considered view that early disposal of these election petitions are mandatory. However, seeing the personal difficulty on behalf of the counsel representing respondent No. 1, one last chance is given for advancing their argument.

As prayed for, list these cases again on 13-03-2023 just after the opening of Holi vacation. It is, however, made clear that if the respondent No. 1 again sought for adjournment, it shall be subject to payment of cost, which is to be fixed by this court as deem fit and proper.

JUDGE

Devananda