

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

PIL No. 23 of 2023

Khumanthem Devabrata Singh

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Manipur & ors.

... Respondents

B E F O R E

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AHANTHEM BIMOL SINGH

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A. GUNESHWAR SHARMA

15-05-2023

A. Bimol Singh, J.

Heard Ms. N. Prista, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner, Mr. M. Devananda, learned Addl. AG assisted by Ms. Jyotsana, learned counsel appearing for the respondents No. 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 and Mr. Kh. Samarjit, learned DSGI assisted by Mr. N. Nongdamba, learned counsel appeared for the respondent No. 3.

It has been submitted by the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner that a large number of people belonging to Meitei, Tamil and other minor communities have been evacuated from the Moreh Town due to the recent clashes and that their homes and properties are left without any proper protection. The learned counsel further submitted that unless an interim order is passed directing the respondents to safeguard their houses and properties and to prevent the miscreants from burning down their houses and destroying their properties, the purpose of filing this PIL will be frustrated.

Mr. M. Devananda, learned Addl. AG submitted that similar PIL is pending before the Apex Court and the same matter is coming up on 17th of this month. The learned Addl. AG further submitted that as the Apex Court is monitoring the present situation occurring in Manipur, the matter be taken up after considering the outcome of the cases pending before the Apex Court.

In view of the submission made above, let this matter be posted on 22-05-2023. In the meantime, the respondents are hereby ordered to provide adequate security to protect the houses and other properties belonging to the people who have been evacuated from the Moreh Town due to the ethnic clashes that occurred recently.

A copy of this order be furnished to all the counsel appearing for the parties during the course of the day for doing the needful.

Registry is directed to reflect the name of Mr. M. Devananda, learned Addl. AG as counsel for the respondents in the cause list.

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