

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

PIL No. 23 of 2023

Khumanthem Devabrata Singh

Petitioner

Vs.

State of Manipur; & Ors.

Respondents

BEFORE

**HON'BLE THE ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE MR. MV MURALIDARAN
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A. BIMOL SINGH**

02.06.2023

A. Bimol Singh, Judge :

Heard Mr. S. Biswajit, learned senior counsel, assisted by Ms. Prista, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner; Mr. M. Devananda, learned Additional Advocate General, Manipur, assisted by Ms. Jyotsana, learned counsel appearing for respondent Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5 & 6; and Mr. Kh. Samarjit, learned DSGI, assisted by Mr. N. Nongdamba, learned counsel appearing for respondent No. 3.

The petitioner filed an affidavit stating that after passing of the interim order dated 15.05.2023 directing the authorities to provide adequate security to protect houses and other properties belonging to the people who have been evacuated from Moreh town in the ethnic clashes, some miscreants have burnt down many houses. It has also been submitted that the said subsequent incident happened due to lapses of the security forces including State forces and the Central Forces posted there.

Mr. M. Devananda, learned Additional Advocate General, Manipur, placed before this Court a letter dated 23.05.2023 from the Commissioner (Home), Government of Manipur, stating inter-alia that as per interim direction given by this Court, adequate security arrangement have made by the District Police, Tengnoupal, by deploying three Coys of CAPF (BSF), Assam Rifles Moreh

Battalion and Civil Police to provide security to protect the houses and properties of the people, who have been evacuated from Moreh town due to present crisis.

Mr. Kh. Samarjit, learned DSGI, also placed before this Court a letter dated 19.05.2023 from the under Secretary to the Government of India stating inter-alia that the issue of providing adequate security comes under the domain of the State Government and that the Government of India have been already providing necessary assistance to the State Government and that the Ministry of Home Affairs, GOI, does not intend to make a separate appearance in this case.

After hearing the submissions advanced by the learned counsel appearing for the parties and after examining the said letters, we deemed it appropriate to direct the State authorities to file a detailed affidavit regarding the subsequent incident that happened after the passing of our interim order. The Union of India is also directed to file a detailed affidavit through the concerned Commanding Officer of Central forces posted at Moreh town as to what was the lapses on the part of the security personnel which led to the subsequent events.

As prayed for, list this case again on 16.06.2023 before the Division Bench comprising of Hon'ble Mr. Justice A. Bimol Singh and Hon'ble Mr. Justice A. Guneshwar Sharma.

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

JUDGE

ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE

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