

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF MANIPUR
AT IMPHAL
(Video Conference)**

PIL No. 9 of 2015

RG, HCM

...*Petitioner*

Vs.

State of Manipur

...*Respondents*

B E F O R E

HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. SANJAY KUMAR

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.V. MURALIDARAN

O R D E R

24-01-2022

Sanjay Kumar (C.J.)

Mr. A. Romenkumar, learned *amicus curiae*, is present. Mr. N. Kumarjit, learned Advocate General, Manipur, appears for the State authorities.

Reply affidavit filed by the Superintendent of Police, Churachandpur District, is placed on record. However, we find that except for attaching a detailed report therewith, not much has been stated in the affidavit itself as to what steps are being taken to apprehend the convict.

As rightly pointed out by Mr. A. Romenkumar, learned *amicus curiae*, no effective steps have been taken by the State authorities to apprehend the convict, even though he preferred a SLP before the Supreme Court through counsel and the State was well aware of the same. Further, no steps have been taken to secure the Cellphone number of the convict to trace out his call records so as to ascertain his whereabouts.

Mr. N. Kumarjit, learned AG, seeks more time to get instructions in this regard and file a comprehensive affidavit as to what the State authorities propose to do to apprehend the convict. It may also be noted that the SLP filed by the convict has been already dismissed by the

Supreme Court on 07-01-2022. In effect, the conviction and sentence stand confirmed as on date.

It may also be noted that though a proclamation was issued under Section 82 Cr.P.C. no steps have been taken to bring the attached properties to sale so that the convict may be compelled to surface. This aspect shall also be addressed in the next affidavit.

Post on 17-02-2022.

A copy of this order shall be supplied online or through WhatsApp to the learned counsel for the parties and the learned *amicus curiae*.

JUDGE

CHIEF JUSTICE

Devaranda