

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

PIL No. 9 of 2015

RG, HCM

Petitioner

Vs.

State of Manipur; & Ors.

Respondents

BEFORE
**HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. SANJAY KUMAR
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE LANUSUNGKUM JAMIR**

19.04.2022.

Sanjay Kumar (C.J.):

Mr. A. Romenkumar, learned *amicus curiae*, is present. Mr. Kh. Tarunkumar, learned counsel, appears for the High Court of Manipur. Mr. N. Kumarjit, learned Advocate General, Manipur, appears for the State authorities. Mr. Kh. Samarjit, learned ASG, appears for the Union of India.

The reply affidavit dated 18.04.2022 of the Superintendent of Police, Churachandpur District, Manipur, is taken on record. The steps initiated by him have been detailed therein but the fact remains that no tangible result has been achieved in apprehending the convict till date though his conviction and sentence have attained finality for the present. His appeal against the conviction has already been dismissed by this Court and has been confirmed by the Supreme Court.

Given this situation, Mr. A. Romenkumar, learned *amicus curiae*, would suggest that a Special Investigation Team be set up by the authorities in the State for taking effective measures to see that the convict is brought to book and made to undergo the sentence imposed upon him in accordance with law.

Accepting the suggestions made by the learned *amicus curiae*, the Director General of Police, Manipur, is impleaded *suo motu* as respondent No. 7 in this case. Registry is directed to carry out necessary corrections in the cause title.

Mr. N. Kumarjit, learned Advocate General, Manipur, takes notice for the newly impleaded respondent, viz., the Director General of Police, Manipur, and waives further notice. The State of Manipur is represented by its Chief Secretary and there is no necessity to implead him separately as a party respondent in this case.

The Chief Secretary, State of Manipur, and the Director General of Police, Manipur, shall constitute a Special Investigation Team to ascertain the whereabouts of the convict and to take him into custody. Sufficient funds shall be made available to the Special Investigation Team to carry out this task, be it by the State itself or by the Director General of Police, Manipur. Care shall be taken to include at least one person belonging to the same community as the convict, viz., 'Hmar' community, as a member of the Special Investigation Team. The Special Investigation Team shall be authorized to secure the assistance of other organizations such as the Army, Assam Rifles, Border Security Force, Central Reserve Police Force and the Intelligence Bureau for carrying out the operation to apprehend the convict.

It is distressing to note that one individual is able to evade the reach of the law successfully though he has been convicted of heinous offences. We trust that the respondent authorities will be in a position to report some progress in that regard at least by the next date of hearing.

Post on 31.05.2022.

JUDGE

CHIEF JUSTICE

Sandeep