

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

**PIL No. 9 of 2015**

The Registrar General, High Court of Manipur

***Petitioner***

**Vs.**

State of Manipur; & Ors.

***Respondents***

BEFORE

**HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. SANJAY KUMAR  
HON'BLE MR. MV MURALIDARAN**

**13.07.2022**

***Sanjay Kumar (C.J.):***

Mr. A. Romemkumar, learned *amicus curiae*, is present. Mr. Kh. Tarunkumar, learned counsel, appears for the High Court of Manipur, and Mr. Kh. Samarjit, learned ASG, appears for respondent No. 5.

Mr. Lenin Hijam, learned Advocate General, Manipur, states that additional affidavit dated 07.07.2022 has been filed by the Inspector General of Police (Adm.), giving details of the further steps taken to apprehend the convict. He is, however, not in a position to state whether any concrete progress has been achieved by the Special Investigation Team constituted by the Director General of Police, Manipur, under order dated 29.04.2022. The additional affidavit merely states to be effect that the Superintendent of Police, Churachandpur, is taking necessary steps to arrest the absconding person.

As no effective measures have been taken till date to apprehend the convict, who has been held guilty of heinous offences and sentenced to undergo life imprisonment, this Court is of the opinion that something more purposeful needs to be done by the State, in addition to pushing paper.

Mr. A. Romenkumar, learned *amicus curiae*, would state from experience that one Shri Krishnatombi Singh, a police officer in the State of Manipur, would be the right choice to undertake the mission of apprehending and arresting the elusive convict.

Be it noted that Mr. A. Romenkumar, learned *amicus curiae*, was himself a former Addl. DGP in the State of Manipur and would have useful knowledge in this regard.

We, accordingly, direct the Government of Manipur to form a separate Special Team, headed by Shri. Krishnatombi Singh, SP-Special Commando, to do the needful. Necessary assistance shall be extended to this Special Team, headed by the aforesaid officer, by all other forces operating in the State of Manipur and at the Central Government level.

To report the extent of progress achieved by this Special Team, post on 25.08.2022.

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**JUDGE**

**CHIEF JUSTICE**