

PIL No. 9 of 2015

BEFORE  
**HON'BLE THE ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE N. KOTISWAR SINGH**  
**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KH. NOBIN SINGH**

18-9-2017

Shri Samuel D. Sungte, guardian of Martha Lalremsiem and Smt. Lalthienzo, mother of El-Bethel are present in person today pursuant to the earlier direction issued by this Court to appear before this Court with all the necessary documents as to show how Rs. 1.2 lakhs which were sanctioned to each of the victim girls by the State Government have been spent.

They have submitted that they were not given any direction by any authority about keeping an account on how the money are to be spent. They do not have any ready documents to support how the aforesaid amount has been spent. They however submit that about Rs. 10,000/- each are still lying in their respective bank accounts. It is directed that the aforesaid amounts which are still lying in their respective bank accounts, out of the Rs. 1.2 lakhs sanctioned by the State Government, shall not be withdrawn without leave of this Court.

Shri Samuel D. Sungte, guardian of Martha Lalremsiem and Smt. Lalthienzo, mother of El-Bethel are again directed to appear before this Court again on 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 with details of the articles purchased by the next date, even if these are not supported by any vouchers or receipts to justify how Rs. 1.2 lakhs which have been sanctioned in the name of each of the two victim girls were spent.

We have also noted that there is nothing on record to show the involvement of the District Child Protection Unit, Churachandpur nor the

Child Welfare Committee, Churachandpur at the time and after the said amounts were disbursed to the victim girls.

The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 as well as the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 provide for various functions and duties assigned to the Child Welfare Committee as well as the District Child Protection Unit. There are specific provisions under the Act to continue to monitor the status/conditions of the children which are under the jurisdiction of the Child Welfare Committee.

Accordingly, the Chairperson, Child Welfare Committee, Churachandpur as well as the District Child Protection Unit are directed to be present before this Court on 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 with detail report as to how the welfare of the children under their jurisdiction have been monitored by them and more particularly as regards the utilization of the amounts which have been sanctioned by the State Government for the welfare of the victim children.

This Court on 08-09-2017 had directed the Member Secretary, Manipur State Legal Services Authority to submit a report as regards the remaining four victims in whose case the State Government has not sanctioned any compensation on the ground that there was no FIR registered nor there is any medical report or any other document regarding them. It has been stated that the Member Secretary, Manipur Legal Service Authority has not received the copy of the order passed on 08-09-2017. Accordingly, let the copy of the order passed today along with the order passed on 08-09-2017 may be furnished to the Member Secretary, Manipur Legal Services Authority for compliance and submitting the report by the next date on 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2017.

Since Shri Samuel D. Sungte, guardian of Martha Lalremsiem and Smt. Lalthienzo, mother of El-Bethel stated that they have spent more than Rs. 500/- to attend this Court, the Registry of this Court is directed to reimburse Rs. 500/- to them on getting necessary acknowledgment from them.

List the matter again on 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2017.

A copy of this order may be furnished to all the learned counsel for the parties.

The Chairperson, Child Welfare Committee, Churachandpur as well as District Child Protection Unit, Churachandpur are also to be furnished the copy of this order immediately for necessary compliance.

**JUDGE**

**ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE**

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