

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

PIL No. 8 of 2026

Shri T. Mark Khapai, aged about 51 years, S/o Francis Khapai,
R/o Hungpung Kazipphung Hungdung Ukhrul Manipur –
795142.

Petitioner

Vs.

1. State of Manipur, represented by its Chief Secretary,
Government of Manipur, New Secretariat, South Block,
Mantripukhri, Imphal West District, Manipur – 795001.
2. Commissioner (Home) Government of Manipur, New
Secretariat, South Block Mantripukhri, Imphal West
District, Manipur – 795001.
3. Director General of Police (DGP) Government of Manipur,
Police Headquarters, Mantripukhri- 795001.
4. Superintendent of Police, Kangpokpi District, Kangpokpi,
Manipur – 795129.
5. Union of India, represented by its Secretary, Ministry of
Home Affairs, North Block, New Delhi – 110001.
6. National Investigation Agency (NIA), represented by its
Superintendent of Police, NIA Branch Office, G-1, Type VI,
Officers Colony, Lamphel, Imphal West, Manipur –
795004.
7. Lalboi Vaiphei, Chief of Leilon Vaiphei Village, Saitu-
Gamphazol Sub-Division, Kangpokpi District, Manipur –
795002.

Respondents

BEFORE
HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. M. SUNDAR
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AHANTHEM BIMOL SINGH

ORDER

(Order of the court was made by M. Sundar, CJ)

04.06.2026

[1] Mr. D. Julius Riamei, learned counsel for 'PIL' (to be noted 'PIL' denotes 'Public Interest Litigation') petitioner is before this Court.

[2] Captioned PIL pertains to a case of alleged abduction and learned counsel for PIL petitioner submits that 6 (six) of the abductees remain untraced. To be noted, the alleged abduction was on 13.05.2026 from Leilon Vaiphei Village in Kangpokpi District, Manipur.

[3] This Court deems it appropriate to issue limited notice to official respondents (for the present) for the purpose of requisitioning an 'Action Taken Report' ('ATR' for the sake of brevity and convenience).

[4] Issue notice to official respondents i.e., R1 to R6 ('R1' denotes 'first respondent' and similar short forms/abbreviations shall be used for other respondents also).

[5] Mr. S. Chittaranjan, learned Additional Advocate General for Manipur who is present in Court along with Mr. A. Priyokumar Sharma, learned State Counsel assisting him (both in physical court) accept notice for R1 to R4. Mr. N. Nongdamba, learned counsel who is present in court (physical court) accepts notice for R5 and R6.

[6] As regards notice to R7, this Court will consider the same later.

[7] Mr. Chittaranjan, learned 'Additional Advocate General' ('AAG' for the sake of brevity) for State of Manipur submits, on instructions, that the case has been handed over to 'National Investigation Agency' ('NIA' for the sake of brevity and convenience).

[8] Mr. N. Nongdamba, learned counsel who has accepted notice for R5 and R6 is led by learned senior advocate and learned Deputy Solicitor General of India (DSGI) Mr. Kh. Samarjit who is before this Court on the V.C. (Video Conferencing) platform. Learned Deputy Solicitor, in response to the afore referred submission of learned AAG, submits, on instructions, that NIA is yet to receive any intimation.

[9] In the light of the narrative thus far, we requisition a joint ATR from R1 to R4 *qua* alleged abduction the details of which have been set out in the captioned PIL, advance copies of which have been furnished to learned AAG and Mr. N. Nongdamba, learned counsel led by DSGI and steps taken for release of abductees who according to PIL petitioner remain untraced from 13.05.2026. To be noted, there shall be a common/joint ATR from R1 to R4 but the same shall be submitted to this Court by R1, for R1 and on behalf of R2 to R4.

[10] After submission of ATR, this Court will consider the other limbs of prayer in the captioned PIL.

[11] Considering the nature of the matter and the obtaining position (as averred), we direct R1 to R4 to file in this Court ATR by Monday i.e., by 08.06.2026.

[12] List on 08.06.2026 under the cause list caption 'FOR ACTION
TAKEN REPORT (ATR)'.

JUDGE

CHIEF JUSTICE

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