

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

MC(PIL) No. 3 of 2026

Ahanthem Irabot Singh

..... Applicant

Vs.

State of Manipur and 9 others

..... Respondents

With PIL No. 18 of 2025

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)

19.02.2026

[1] In the hearing today, Mr. Kh. Tarunkumar, learned senior advocate appearing on behalf of Mr. W. Jamon, learned counsel on record for the lone PIL petitioner, Mr. Phungyo Zingkhai, learned State Counsel led by Mr. Athouba Khaidem, learned senior advocate for R1 to R8 (official respondents) and Mr. Anjan Prasad Sahu, learned counsel for R9 and R10 (private respondents) are before this Court.

[2] When the matter was taken up, it came to light from the pleadings and submissions that both sides place strong/substantial reliance on 'Original Suit No. 142 of 2014' on the file of the learned 'Civil Judge Senior Division, Imphal East' ('said civil suit' and 'said civil court' both for the sake of convenience and clarity). This Court is informed by both sides

that this Original Suit was earlier Original Suit No. 37 of 2014. It was renumbered and assigned the number Original Suit No. 142 of 2014. This Court is also informed that R9 and R10 in captioned PIL are plaintiffs in the said civil suit and the lone PIL petitioner is first defendant in the suit. It also comes to light that the Hon'ble Single Judge (Writ Court) has made a common order dated 18.01.2022 being a common order in 3 (three) writ petitions viz., WP(C) No. 151 of 2008, WP(C) No. 857 of 2014 and WP(C) No. 124 of 2015. The PIL petitioner comes across as R6 in one of the writ petitions (WP(C) No. 151 of 2008). In this common order, there is inter-alia a direction to the parties to maintain *status quo* and await verdict from said civil court in the said civil court. This Court is informed that the said civil suit was dismissed for default on 27.03.2025 and subsequently, at the instance of plaintiffs' (Judl. Misc. Case No. 128 of 2025) the said civil suit has been resuscitated i.e., restored vide order dated 08.09.2025 and a scanned reproduction of this order as can be ferreted out from the ECourts Services portal is as follows :

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In The Court Of : Civil Judge Senior Division, Imphal East

CNR Number. : MNIE040001922025

Case Number. : Judl (Misc)/0000128/2025

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Irabot Singh And 3 Ors

Date : 08-09-2025

Business	: Present: Plaintiff by Ld. Counsel. Def No.1 by Ld. Counsel. Def no. 3 & 4 by Ld. AGA. Heard submissions at length. The Ld. Counsel for Defendants orally submitted that they have no objections to the prayer of the Plaintiff to restore the plaint by setting aside the order dated 27-3-2025. Perused available materials. After due perusal, the Court is satisfied with the grounds provided & as no objection is also raised, prayer is allowed for speedy adjudication of the referred suit. Disposed of as allowed.
Nature of Disposal	: Allowed
Disposal Date	: 08-09-2025
Civil Judge Senior Division, Imphal East	

[3] In the aforesaid scenario, neither the PIL petitioner nor R9 and R10 who are parties to the said in said civil court have annexed a copy

of the plaint and other pleadings (if any). This Court was willing to peruse a copy of the plaint and other pleadings (if any) if copies can be furnished across the Board in the hearing but learned counsel on both sides i.e., PIL petitioner, learned counsel for R9 and R10 and the State Counsel (to be noted, State is also party to said suit in said civil court) sought time to produce plaint and other pleadings (if any).

[4] Afore-referred joint/common request acceded to.

[5] List on Tuesday.

[6] List on 24.02.2026.

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JUDGE

CHIEF JUSTICE