

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

WP(C) No. 643 of 2025

Smt. Thokchom Surbala Devi & 4 Ors.

...Petitioners

- Versus -

State of Manipur & 2 Ors.

...Respondent

**With
MC(WP(C)) No. 599 of 2025**

**B E F O R E
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A. GUNESHWAR SHARMA**

ORDER

22-08-2025

[1] Heard Mr. N. Ibotombi, learned senior counsel assisted by Mr. Boboy P., learned counsel for the petitioners/applicants.

[2] Issue notice.

[3] Mr. L. Somorendro Roy, learned junior Government counsel assisting Mr. H. Debendra, learned Dy. Advocate General, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents. Hence, service is complete on the respondents.

[4] Learned Government Advocate prays for two weeks' time for filing counter affidavit.

[5] Mr. N. Ibotombi, learned senior counsel for the petitioner, prays for an interim protection from eviction of the petitioners and demolition of their structures without proper verification. It is stated that the petitioners are the owners of plots in Thangal Bazar as per allotment dated 06-06-1986. It is stated that a joint survey was done to assess any encroachment upon the

Government land by the officials of Revenue Department and the patta lands of the petitioners have been earmarked as "Galli" and orally stated to demolish the same, failing which the respondents will take up necessary action for demolition as per rules.

[6] Mr. H. Debendra, learned Dy. Advocate General submits that the alleged marking over the property of the petitioners are preliminary marking in the verification process and the final area will be notified for the summary eviction.

[7] In the circumstances, the petitioners shall not be evicted from the impugned marked area of the patta lands of the petitioners till the final verification is issued by the State authority. The petitioners and other affected parties are given an opportunity of being heard before arriving at the final decision.

[8] Mr. H. Debendra, learned Dy. Advocate General for the State respondents, submits that Imphal Municipal Corporation will be a necessary party.

[9] Mr. N. Ibotombi, learned senior counsel for the petitioners, is filing an appropriate application in this regard.

[10] List these cases on 04-09-2025.

JUDGE

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