

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

PIL No. 69 of 2021

Yumnam Dijendro Meitei

Petitioners

Vs.

State of Manipur; & Ors.

Respondents

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

17.02.2022.

Sanjay Kumar (C.J.):

Ms. Momota Devi, learned Additional Advocate General, Manipur, states that she has not received a copy of the reply affidavit dated 16.02.2022 filed by the petitioner in response to the affidavit-in-opposition filed by respondent No. 4. Ms. A. Noutuneshwari, learned counsel for the petitioner, undertakes to supply a copy of the said reply to Ms. Momota, learned Additional Advocate General, Manipur, during the course of the day.

Ms. Momota Devi, learned Additional Advocate General, Manipur, seeks more time to file an affidavit on behalf of respondents No. 2 & 3. She admits that she had earlier stated that the affidavit-in-opposition of respondent No. 4 would suffice but now states that she received instructions from respondents No. 2 & 3 that they would also file a separate affidavit-in-opposition.

Needful shall be done by the next date of hearing with an advance copy to the counsel opposite.

As the affidavit-in-opposition of respondent No. 4 discloses that construction work is in full progress, we make it clear that even if the State

authorities present a *fait accompli* by completing the construction at the new location, it would not be a ground to disallow the prayer of the petitioner if we hold in his favour on merits.

Making this position clear, the matter is adjourned.

Post on 07.03.2022.

A copy of this order shall be supplied online or through whatsapp to the learned counsel for the parties.

Sandeep

JUDGE

CHIEF JUSTICE