

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

MC(EI. Petn.) No. 111 of 2022

Khongbantabam Ibomcha Singh

... Applicant

Vs.

Kshetrimayum Biren Singh & ors.

... Respondents

With

El. Petn. No. 10 of 2022;

MC(EI. Petn.) No. 88 of 2022;

Rev. Petn.(J2) No. 1 of 2022 &

El. Recr. Petn. No. 21 of 2022;

MC(EI. Petn.) No. 89 of 2022;

Rev. Petn. (J2) No. 2 of 2022

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AHANTHEM BIMOL SINGH

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18-04-2026

Md. Shakir Khan, learned counsel appeared on behalf of the petitioner and Mr. Ajoy Pebam, learned counsel appeared on behalf of the respondent in El. Petn. No. 10 of 2022.

It has been submitted at the bar that issues are yet to be framed in this election petition till today.

The learned counsel appearing for the parties submitted that because of the pendency of the Misc. Appln. being MC(EI. Petn.) No. 111 of 2022 filed by the respondent raising preliminary issue about the maintainability of the election petition, no issues have been framed till today. The learned counsel appearing for the respondent No. 1 submitted that the preliminary issue raised by the respondent regarding maintainability

of the election petition be heard on merit and after deciding the same, the main election petition can be considered, in case this court find that the said election petition is maintainable.

In my considered view, there has been much delay in considering the main election petition and that the issue of maintainability of the election petition can be heard jointly with the merit of the main election petition.

It has been submitted by both the counsel appearing for the parties that suggested issues are yet to be filed by the parties. In view of the said submission, both the petitioner as well as the respondent are directed to file their suggested issues on or before 20-04-2026 without fail.

Registry is directed to list these cases again on 21-04-2026 for framing of issues.

JUDGE

Devananda