

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

W.A. No. 22 of 2019

IOC Ltd.

Appellant

Vs.

Smt. Kiran Wahengbam; & Ors.

Respondents

***Clubbed with
MC (W.A.) No. 117 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)

22.01.2026

[1] When the matter was taken up, Mr. L. Shashibhushan, learned senior counsel instructed by Ms. Kh. Medha, learned counsel on record for appellant [Indian Oil Corporation (IOC)], Mr. M. Hemchandra, learned senior counsel {on Video Conferencing (VC) platform} instructed by Mr. M. Rendy, learned counsel for 1st respondent (R-1), and Mr. N. Ibotombi, learned senior counsel instructed by Mr. Leo N., learned counsel on record for 2nd respondent (R-2) are before us. To be noted, 3rd respondent (R-3) has been duly served and R-3 has not chosen to either enter appearance through counsel or come before this Court.

[2] As regards mediation, though there is a mediation report/settlement agreement, before this Court, R-2 has taken out a

misc. case in MC (W.A.) No. 117 of 2025 *inter alia* contending that R-2 is not a signatory.

[3] Whether R-2 was given adequate opportunity in mediation or not is not of a great relevance as R-2 is not a signatory to the settlement agreement. This means that the captioned matter has to be heard out on merits.

[4] All the senior counsel and their respective instructing counsel agreed to have the matter heard out on merits considering that the writ appeal is of the year 2019.

[5] However, Ms. Kh. Medha, learned counsel on record for IOC sought for a short accommodation to get instructions on whether IOC wants to pursue the appeal or not.

[6] If IOC decides to not to pursue the appeal, that would be the end of road. If IOC is pursuing the appeal, the writ appeal will be heard out on merits.

[7] List on 23.01.2026.

JUDGE
Sandeep

CHIEF JUSTICE