

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

**Review.Petn. No.33 of 2025
With
MC(Crl. A) No.27 of 2025
With
MC(Review.Pet.) No.28 of 2025
With
MC(Review.Pet.) No.29 of 2025
With
Review. Petn. No.34 of 2025
With
Review. Petn. No.35 of 2025
With
Review. Petn. No.37 of 2025
With
Review. Petn. No.38 of 2025
With
Review. Petn. No.39 of 2025**

State of Manipur and 7 Ors.

Appellant

Vs.

Pheiroijam Heramani and 16 Ors.

Respondents

BEFORE

**HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. M. SUNDAR
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A. GUNESHWAR SHARMA
(ORDER)**

(Order of the Court was made by Mr. M. Sundar, CJ)

23.01.2026

In the hearing today, learned Attorney General for India Shri R. Venkataramani along with learned Advocate General Mr. Lenin Hijam instructed by Ms. Thanyomi Keishing, learned Counsel for State, Mr. H.S. Paonam, learned senior advocate instructed by Mr. A. Arunkumar, learned counsel on record for respondent Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 6 in review petition No.33 of 2025; for the respondent Nos. 4 to 9 in Review Petn. No.37 of 2025; for respondent Nos. 10, 11, 12, 14, 16, 17 19 and 20 in Review. Petn. No.39 of 2025 and for respondent Nos.16, 17, 18, 19 and 21 in Review Petn. No.38 of 2025; Mr.S. Biswajit, learned

senior advocate instructed by Mr. W. Sanatomba Meitei, learned counsel on record for review petitioner in Review. Petn. No.37, 38 and 39 of 2025 and Ms. Ayangleima, learned counsel for respondent Nos. 9 to 15 in Review Petn. No.38 of 2025 and for respondent Nos. 11 to 17 in Review. Petn. No.33 of 2025 are before this Court.

2. At the outset, adverting to the earlier proceedings of this Court dated 12.01.2026 more particularly paragraph 3 thereat, learned Attorney General submitted that State, on his advice suggested some interim arrangement and the same has been placed before this Court in the form of an affidavit dated 22.01.2026. Learned Attorney General draws the attention of this Court to paragraphs 8-10 of the said affidavit and submits that section 22 of Manipur Panchayat Raj Act 1994 (Act 26 of 1994) read with section 109 would enable to put a place in principle whereby Deputy Commissioners can be entrusted with the interim arrangement duties. In response to this, learned senior counsel Mr. H.S. Paonam and Mr. S. Biswajit submitted that they need to bring on record their objections and both learned senior counsel submitted that their respective instructing counsel/ counsel on record will bring on both objections by way of reply affidavit.

3. In the interregnum, it was agreed by all the counsel before this Court that there will be a pre hearing conference (pre hearing conference learned Attorney General, all learned senior counsel, State counsel and all counsel on record) and the purpose would be to try and arrive at an interim arrangement which is acceptable to all.

4. It was also agreed that the pre hearing conference will be at 11.00 a.m tomorrow (i.e., 24.01.2026 Saturday in Imphal). Learned Advocate General graciously agreed to co-ordinate logistics of the meeting.

5. Let the matter stand over to 24.02.2026 for objections to be brought on record and for hearing on same.

6. Though obvious, this Court deems it appropriate to write that in the interregnum if any interim arrangement is agreed upon i.e., if any interim arrangement acceptable to all concerned is arrived at in the pre hearing conference tomorrow, it would be open to the parties to mention for having the matter listed for further orders in this regard.

7. List on 24.02.2026.

Ab. Surjit

JUDGE

CHIEF JUSTICE

Upload forthwith