

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

**MC(Review.Pet.) No. 2 of 2026**

State of Manipur and 7 others

***Applicants***

**Vs.**

Pheiroijam Heramani and 16 others

***Respondents***

***With MC(Review. Pet.) No. 27 of 2025***

***With MC(Review.Pet.) No. 28 of 2025***

***With MC(Review.Pet.) No. 29 of 2025***

***With MC(Review. Pet.) No. 3 of 2026***

***With Review.Pet. No. 33 of 2025***

***With Review. Pet. No. 34 of 2025***

***With Review. Pet. No. 35 of 2025***

***With Review. Pet. No. 37 of 2025***

***With Review. Pet. No. 38 of 2025***

***With Review. Pet. No. 39 of 2025***

BEFORE

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

**ORDER**

***(Order of the court was made by M. Sundar, CJ)***

**02.04.2026**

[1] Read this in conjunction with and in continuation of earlier proceedings, more particularly, the proceedings made in the previous listing on 13.03.2026.

[2] In the hearing today, Mr. Lenin Hijam, learned senior counsel and learned Advocate General for State of Manipur instructed by Mr. O. Ratan Kumar, learned State Counsel, Mr. HS Paonam, learned senior counsel instructed by Mr. A. Arunkumar, learned counsel on record, Mr. S. Biswajit Meitei, learned senior counsel instructed by Mr.

W. Sanatomba Meitei, learned counsel on record, Mr. Ch. Momon, learned counsel for State Election Commission (State of Manipur) are before us in the physical court and Mr. Kartikay Agrawal, learned counsel from the office of the learned Attorney General for India is before us on the Video Conferencing (V.C.) platform.

[3] Adverting to earlier proceedings made in the previous listing on 13.03.2026, all the learned senior counsel and counsel before us submitted that a pre-hearing conference was held and another sitting is scheduled to be held in Delhi on Sunday i.e., 05.04.2026. All the learned senior counsel and learned counsel submitted that it would be desirable to have the captioned matters listed on 16.04.2026.

[4] Be that as it may, paragraph 5 of proceedings made in the previous listing on 13.03.2026 reads as follows :

*'[5] Adverting to paragraph 5 of our earlier proceedings, Mr. Ch. Momon, learned counsel for State Election Commission (State of Manipur) submitted that the office of State Election Commissioner is lying vacant. This Court finds that State Election Commission has to be constituted by the Government. This is vide Section 98 of 'the Manipur Panchayati Raj Act, 1994 (26 of 1994)' (hereinafter 'said Act' for the sake of brevity), 'Government' is defined vide Section 2(g) of said Act and it is 'State Government of Manipur'. Learned Attorney General and Learned Advocate General fairly submitted that they will play necessary advisory roles qua appointment of State Election Commissioner.'*

[5] Adverting to afore-referred paragraph 5, learned Advocate General, on instructions, submitted that the needful is being done, the exercise is being taken forward and he is hopeful of having the exercise completed at the earliest.

[6] In the light of the narrative thus far, list the captioned matter before this Special Division Bench on 16.04.2026 at 2:00 P.M.

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**JUDGE**

**CHIEF JUSTICE**