

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

**MC(W.P. (C)) No. 825 of 2025 with
MC(W.P. (C)) No. 710 of 2025 with
W.P. (C) No. 766 of 2025**

Indian Oil Corporation Limited and 3 Ors.

.... Applicants

- Versus -

Khem Raj Sharma and 34 Ors.

.... Respondents

**B E F O R E
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A. GUNESHWAR SHARMA**

ORDER

23.01.2026

[1] Present Mr. Th. Rajkishore, learned counsel for the petitioners and Mr. L. Shashibhushan, learned sr. counsel assisted by Ms. Liya, learned counsel on behalf of the IOCL.

[2] By the present writ petition, the petitioners herein challenge the impugned letters of acceptance (LOAs)/ allocation orders issued by the respondent no. 1 in favour of respondent nos. 5 & 6 bidders on the ground that the Stand Up India Scheme (SUIS) was discontinued w.e.f. 31.03.2025. Admittedly, respondent nos. 5 & 6 applied under the SUIS scheme and certain percentage was allocated for the TTs under the SUIS scheme and letters are issued as per scheme.

[3] Mr. L. Shashibhushan, learned sr. counsel for the IOCL submits that since IOC was not aware of discontinuation of the scheme w.e.f. 31.03.2025, allocation to respondent nos. 5 & 6 were given under the scheme. It is pointed out that similar matter was challenged before the Gauhati High Court and vide order dated 09.01.2026 in W.P. (C) No. 5781 of 2025, the writ petition challenging similar allocation of the scheme was closed as the scheme was not

extended from 31.03.2025. It is recorded that in para no. 5 of the order dated 09.01.2026 of the Gauhati High Court, the learned counsel appearing for the IOCL submitted that in view of the discontinuation of the Scheme, the bank facilities have been withdrawn and the IOCL is taking consequential actions.

[4] Both the learned counsel for the parties submit that the present writ petition may be closed in terms of order dated 09.01.2026 passed by the Gauhati High Court in W.P. (C) No. 5781 of 2025. In view of the discontinuation of the SUIIS scheme, the W.P. (C) No. 766 of 2025 is disposed of by giving liberty to the IOCL to allocate as per existing rules.

[5] Accordingly, the MC(W.P. (C)) No. 825 of 2025 & MC(W.P. (C)) No. 710 of 2025 are also closed.

JUDGE

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