

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

WP(Crl.) No. 34 of 2025

Mutum Ranjan Meitei

...*Petitioner/s*

Vrs.

District Magistrate, Thoubal District & 3 Ors

...*Respondent/s*

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AHANTHEM BIMOL SINGH

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A. GUNESHWAR SHARMA

(ORDER)

(Order of the Court was made by Justice A. Bimol Singh)

28.11.2025

Heard Mr. L. Sachibhushan, learned Sr. counsel assisted by Md. Fakharuddin, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner.

Issue notice, returnable within 2(two) weeks'.

Mr. Th. Vashum, learned GA entered appearance and accepts notice on behalf of respondent nos. 1, 2 & 4 and Mr. Satish, learned counsel entered appearance and accepts notice on behalf of respondent no. 3, hence no formal notice is called for.

The ground raised by the petitioner's counsel in assailing the detention order is that in the ground of detention dated 23.05.2025 issued by the detaining authority, the detainee was informed that he can submit a representation against his detention order to the Central Government within three weeks from the date of detention and within 12 days in case of representation to the detaining authority. The learned Sr. counsel submitted that due to such time limit prescribed in the ground of detention, the petitioner could not submit his representation during the stipulated period and as such his fundamental rights to make a representation has been deprived of. According to the learned Sr. counsel prescribing such period of limitation for submitting representations against the detention order is illegal and the same vitiate further detention of the petitioner.

After hearing the submission of the learned Sr. counsel, we are of the considered view that the present petition needs to be heard on merit.

Accordingly list this case again on 16.12.2025.

Mr. Th. Vashum, learned GA is directed to make available the relevant government records on the next date of hearing without fail.

A copy of this order be furnished Mr. Th. Vashum, learned GA through his Whatsapp/Email during the course of day for doing the needful.

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