

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

MAT. APP. No. 8 of 2026

Ningthoujam Geoffrey

... Appellant

- Versus -

Laishram Monica Chanu

... Respondent

B E F O R E

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

O R D E R

[M. Sundar, CJ]

06.05.2026

[1] Read this in conjunction with and in continuation of earlier proceedings made in previous listing on 17.03.2026, which reads as follows:

'17.03.2026

[1] Appellant Respondent Captioned appeal is a statutory appeal under Section 19 of the Family Courts Act, 1984 and it is directed against judgment and decree dated 18.10.2025 in Matrimonial (Divorce) Suit No. 132 of 2019 on the file of the Family Court, Imphal West. Divorce sought for by the husband on the ground of cruelty was negatived vide impugned judgment and decree and husband is on appeal vide captioned statutory appeal.

[2] It is submitted that the Family Court fell in error in coming to the conclusion that cruelty had not been proved when there was adequate material.

[3] Issue notice.

[4] Mr. L. Rajesh, learned counsel with Enrolment No. 41/2000, having Address: Chingamathak Nameirakpam Leikai, Imphal, who is present in Court, accepts notice for respondent-wife and requests for time to file vakalatnama and get further instructions.

[5] List under suitable cause list caption on 06.05.2026.'

[2] Today, in the hearing, Mr. HS. Paonam, learned senior counsel appearing on behalf of Mr. Birendrajit, learned counsel on record for sole appellant is before this Court (Physical Court) and learned senior counsel is ready to advance arguments.

[3] Mr. L. Rajesh, learned counsel, adverting to earlier proceedings dated 17.03.2026, more particularly paragraph No. 4 thereat, submitted that he has since neither filed Vakalatnama nor got instructions and would be filing no instructions memo. Mr. L. Rajesh, learned counsel requests for a short accommodation to file memo of no instructions.

[4] Afore-referred request of learned counsel for sole respondent is acceded to.

[5] List on 01.06.2026.

JUDGE

CHIEF JUSTICE

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