

HIGH COURT OF SIKKIM : GANGTOK  
Record of Proceedings

**WP(C) No.07 of 2024**

MRS. ZUMDEN LHAMU BHUTIA AND ORS.

PETITIONER (S)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS.

RESPONDENT (S)

For Petitioner(s) : Mr. Jorgay Namka, Senior Advocate with Mr. Lahang Limboo, Mr. Sawal Rai, Ms. Rinchen Ongmu Bhutia and Ms. Kinjing Ongmu Lepcha, Advocates.

For Respondent(s)  
R-1 to R-4 : Ms. Sangita Pradhan, Deputy Solicitor General of India with Ms. Sittal Balmiki, Ms. Natasha Pradhan and Mr. Amit Kumar Sharma, Advocates.

R-5 & R-6 : Ms. Pema Bhutia, Assistant Government Advocate.

**Date: 26/03/2026**

**CORAM:**

**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A. MUHAMED MUSTAQUE, CHIEF JUSTICE**

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**ORDER**

The District Collector shall specifically state before this Court whether the Army is in occupation/possession of any land other than land which is subject matter of land acquisition. The Petitioner is also at liberty to point out if any other land is in occupation/possession of the Army without land acquisition.

The District Collector shall ensure that, if any such land is found to be in occupation/possession of the Army without there being a land acquisition, a detailed affidavit shall be filed in this regard within four (04) weeks.

The District Collector, while conducting enquiry, shall also ensure that notice is issued to the Army authorities as well as the Defence Estate Officer.

The Petitioner is given liberty to point out the plot number(s) to the District Collector.

Stand over to 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2026.

**Chief Justice**