

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

WP(C) No. 63 of 2023

Thongam Govind Singh

... Petitioner/s

Vs.

State of Manipur & 2 ors.

... Respondent/s

**B E F O R E
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AHANTHEM BIMOL SINGH**

16-05-2024

Heard Mr. Kh. Tarunkumar, learned senior counsel assisted by Ms. Maria, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner ; Mr. M. Rarry, learned counsel appearing for respondent Nos. 1 & 2 and Mr. U. Augusta, learned counsel assisting Mr. Y. Nirmolchand, learned senior counsel appearing for respondent No. 3.

[2] At the outset, the learned senior counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that because of the present situation prevailing in the State of Manipur, the number of population belonging to the Scheduled Tribe (ST) community residing in the ward No. 19 Imphal Municipal Corporation had considerably decreased and as such, reservation of the said ward for ST candidate only is no longer valid. The learned senior counsel, further, submitted that the petitioner has already submitted a representation to the Commissioner(MAHUD), Government of Manipur on 19-10-2022 with a request for reconsidering the reservation of the said ward No. 19 Imphal Municipal Corporation for ST candidate and for taking up necessary steps to recall or

review the earlier decision taken by the Government in this regard. The learned senior counsel submitted that the present writ petition can be disposed of by directing the Commissioner (MAHUD), Government of Manipur to consider the said representation dated 19-10-2022 submitted by the petitioner on its own merit and taking into consideration the present situation prevailing in the State of Manipur and to dispose of the same by passing appropriate order in this regard.

[3] Mr. M. Rarry, learned counsel and Mr. U. Augusta, learned counsel appearing for the respondents fairly submitted that as the prayer made on behalf of the petitioner is confined to consideration and disposal of the representation submitted by the petitioner, they have no objection in disposing of the present writ petition as prayed for by the learned senior counsel for the petitioner.

[4] In view of the submission made by the learned counsel appearing for the parties, the Commissioner (MAHUD), Government of Manipur is hereby directed to consider the said representation dated 19-10-2022 submitted by the petitioner on its own merit and by taking into consideration the subsequent development occurred in the State of Manipur more particularly, by taking into account the ratio (:) of population residing in the said ward No. 19 Imphal Municipal Corporation and to dispose of the said representation strictly in terms of the applicable act and rules within a period of 3(three) months from today. Till consideration and disposal of the said representation, the interim order passed earlier in the present writ petition, shall continue.

[5] With the aforesaid direction, the present writ petition is disposed of.

JUDGE

Dhakshori