

Item No. 1

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF MANIPUR
AT IMPHAL****WP(C) No. 172 of 2024**

N. Indrakumar Singh and 5 Others

Petitioners**Vs.**

State of Manipur and 4 Others

Respondents

BEFORE

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AHANTHEM BIMOL SINGH**18.03.2024**

Heard Mr. T. Rajendra, learned senior counsel assisted by Mr. Sh. Bikash Sharma, learned counsel appearing for the petitioners and Mr. Lenin Hijam, learned A.G. appearing for the Respondents.

Mr. T. Rajendra, learned senior counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that the present writ petition can be closed by giving liberty to the petitioners to file appropriate application or petition before the appropriate forum for redressing their grievances raised in the present writ petition.

The learned senior counsel also submitted that as the petitioners have been in possession of the land in question for such a long period and as the petitioners have already filed civil suit claiming for title and ownership of the land in question, some interim protection be given to the present petitioners at least for 4 (four) weeks, pending filing of appropriate applications or petition before the competent civil court.

The learned senior counsel further undertakes that the petitioners will file an application for issuing certified copies of the (1) allotment order

dated 08.12.2023; (2) deed of allotment being No. 14 dated 04.01.2024; (3) Jamabandi being No. E(Old) 1760 (New) issued in the name of the Director, Health Services, Manipur; (4) letter dated 08.02.2024 of the Director Health Services, Manipur to the Deputy Commissioner, Imphal West being No. J/PM-Dev INE/2022-DHS dated 08.02.2024; (5) letter of the Additional Deputy Commissioner, Imphal West dated 09.02.2024 addressed to the SDO, Lamphel, Impal West and (6) a copy of the field enquiry report of the Sub-Deputy Collector, Imphal West (Central-I) dated 16.02.2024, within a period of 2 (two) days from today to the appropriate authorities.

Mr. Lenin Hijam, the learned AG fairly submitted that the necessary steps will be taken up by the concerned authorities as and when the said application is filed and the certified copies of the documents applied for by the petitioners will be supplied to them within a period of 1 (one) week from the date of receipt of the application.

In view of the submission made above, it is hereby ordered that the petitioners may file any appropriate application or petition before the competent civil court within a period of 1(one) month from the date of receipt of the certified copy of the documents mentioned hereinabove and during the aforesaid period of one month, status quo as on today of the suit land shall be maintained. It is further made clear that if any prayer for passing interim injunction or stay is made by the petitioners, the competent court is at liberty to consider the same on merit. It is also made clear that this court has not considered anything on merit while passing the order for maintaining status quo.

With the aforesaid directions/observations, the present writ petition is closed with liberty as sought for.

A copy of the order be furnished to the counsel appearing for the parties through their Whatsapp/e-mail for doing the needful during the course of the day.

JUDGE

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