

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

WP (C) No. 200 of 2024

Ningthoujam Uma Devi

Petitioner

Vs.

State of Manipur; & 4 Ors.

Respondents

BEFORE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AHANTHEM BIMOL SINGH

23.07.2024

Heard Ms. Rinika Maibam, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and Mr. Niranjana Sanasam, learned GA appearing for the respondents.

The present writ petitioner has already approached this Court earlier by filing a writ petition being WP (C) No. 641 of 2012 with a prayer for issuing a direction to the respondents herein to release the petitioner's .315 Sporting Rifle bearing No. 781406 by I.O.F. 78 AB 1406 acquired under Licence No. 281/I.E., Manipur that was deposited by the petitioner and collected by the Police official of Singjamei Police Station in response to the order dated 18.11.1979 issued by the then District Magistrate, Manipur Central, Imphal or to direct the respondents in the alternative, to make arrangement to purchase a new Rifle of the same make for the petitioner, if the said Rifle is not traceable or to compensate by making a payment of the existing market value of the Rifle of the same make which is about Rs. 85,000/- (Rupees eighty five thousand) only. The said writ petition was allowed by this Court by an order dated 03.05.2019 by issuing the following directions:-

"14. In this circumstances, there is no other option for this Court except to issue a mandamus directing the Singjamei Police Station and the Superintendent of Police who is in Charge of the Singjamei Police Station to order release of the above stated .351 Sporting Rifle to the petitioner. In the event, if that weapon is not available, he should be suitable (suitably) compensated in terms of the direction of the District Magistrate, which has already been extracted above.

"15. The above exercise should be complied with within 12 (twelve) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order."

It has been submitted by the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner that the aforesaid direction issued by this Court has not been complied with by the respondents till today and having been aggrieved, the petitioner approached this Court again by filing the present writ petition with a prayer for directing the respondents to implement or to comply with the aforesaid directions given by this Court within a stipulated period of time.

Mr. Niranjan Sanasam, learned GA appearing for the respondents fairly submitted that as the respondents are duty bound to comply with the direction given by this Court, he has no objection in disposing of the preset writ petition as prayed for by the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner.

In view of the submission made by the learned counsel appearing for the parties, this Court is of the considered view that interests of justice will be served by issuing the following directions:-

- A. The petitioner is directed to submit a certified copy of the order dated 03.05.2019 passed by this Court in WP (C) No. 641 of 2021 along with a certified copy of this order to the respondents within a period of 2 weeks.

B. On receipt of a copy of the aforesaid order dated 03.05.2019 and the order passed today in the present writ petition, the respondents are directed to implement the aforesaid directions given by this Court as early as possible but not later than 3 months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

With the aforesaid directions, the present writ petition is disposed of.

JUDGE

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