

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF MANIPUR
AT IMPHAL****WP(C) No. 701 of 2024**

M. H. Ningon & ors.

... Petitioners

Vs.

State of Manipur & ors.

... Respondents**B E F O R E
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AHANTHEM BIMOL SINGH****O R D E R****08-10-2024**

Heard Ms. Jinita, learned counsel appearing for the petitioners and Mrs. L. Monomala, learned GA appearing for the respondents.

In view of the limited prayer made on behalf of the petitioners and as agreed to by both the counsel appearing for the parties, the present writ petition is being disposed of at the Motion stage itself.

At the outset, Ms. Jinita, learned counsel submitted that the present writ petitioners have already approached the competent authorities of the Government by filing representations dated 05-12-2022 and 06-01-2023 which was addressed to the Commissioner, Water Resources Department, Government of Manipur and the Hon'ble Minister, Water Resources Department, R&D.M. Department, Government of Manipur, raising their grievances and with a request for redressing their grievances. The learned counsel further submitted that in so far as the representation dated 06-01-2023 addressed to the Hon'ble Minister, Water Resources Department is concerned, the same has been forwarded to the D.C., Kamjong, who is the competent authority to consider and decide the said representation. The learned counsel lastly submitted that the petitioners will be satisfied for the time being if the present writ petition is disposed of by directing the Commissioner, Water Resources Department, Government of Manipur and to consider the representation dated 05-12-2022 submitted

by the petitioners No. 1 and by directing the D.C., Kamjong to consider and dispose of the representation dated 06-01-2023 submitted on behalf of the remaining petitioners No. 2 to 27 by passing appropriate orders within a stipulated period.

Mrs. L. Monomala, learned GA appearing for the respondents fairly submitted that as the prayer made on behalf of the petitioners confines to only consideration and disposal of their representations, she has no objection in disposing of the present writ petition as prayed for on behalf of the petitioners.

In view of the submission made by the counsel appearing for the parties, this court is of the considered view that interest of justice will be served by disposing of the present writ petition with the following directions:-

- (i) The Commissioner, Water Resources Department, Government of Manipur, is hereby directed to consider and dispose of the representation dated 05-12-2022 submitted by the petitioners No. 1 on its own merit and strictly in terms of the applicable law and to dispose of the same by issuing an appropriate order within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order; and
- (ii) The D.C., Kamjong, is hereby directed to consider the representation dated 06-01-2022 submitted on behalf of the petitioners No. 2 to 27 on its own merit and strictly in terms of the applicable law and to dispose of the same by issuing appropriate order within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

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

JUDGE

Devananda