

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

WA No. 112 of 2023

Shri Tourangbam Brajakumar Singh.

...Appellant

- Versus -

Phurailatpam Vivekananda Sharma.

...Respondent

With

WA No. 113 of 2023

WA No. 114 of 2023

WA No. 115 of 2023

B E F O R E

**HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. SIDDHARTH MRIDUL
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AHANTHEM BIMOL SINGH**

ORDER

09-02-2024

Siddharth Mridul (C.J.),

Heard Mr. M. Hemchandra, learned senior counsel assisted by Mr. L. Sevananda, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the appellant in WA No. 112 of 2023 and WA No. 113 of 2023 and respondent No. 2 in WA No. 114 of 2023 and WA No. 115 of 2023; Mr. M. Rarry, learned Special State Counsel appearing on behalf of State of Manipur in WA No. 112 of 2023 and WA No. 113 of 2023 and the appellants in WA No. 114 of 2023 and WA No. 115 of 2023; and Mr. H.S. Paonam, learned senior counsel assisted by Mr. Ng. Jotindra Luwang, learned counsel appearing on behalf of respondent No. 1 in WA No. 112 of 2023, WA No. 113 of 2023, WA No. 114 of 2023 and WA No. 115 of 2023.

Mr. M. Rarry, learned Special State Counsel and Mr. M. Hemchandra, learned senior counsel, in unison state that these connected appeals may be disposed of whilst permitting the State of Manipur to consider the appointment of in-charge Director (Environment & Climate Change),

Manipur afresh in accordance with office memoranda dated 03-10-2020 and 09-03-2021 respectively and in accordance with law within a period of eight weeks from today.

Mr. H.S. Paonam, learned senior counsel assisted by Mr. Ng. Jotindra Luwang, learned counsel appearing on behalf of respondent No. 1, states he has no objection to the proposal made on behalf of the Government of Manipur.

In view of the foregoing, these connected appeals are disposed of whilst permitting the State Government to undertake the consideration for the appointment of in-charge Director (Environment & Climate Change), Manipur afresh in accordance with the aforementioned office memoranda dated 03-10-2020 and 09-03-2021 and in accordance with law within a period of eight weeks from today without being bound by the tentative findings arrived at by the learned Single Judge in paragraph 29 of the impugned judgment and order dated 15-12-2023 as well as the direction issued consequently in paragraph 31 thereof.

However, liberty is reserved to the parties to approach this Court by way of an appropriate application in the event of any difficulty in implementing the directions contained herein.

Before parting with these matters, we make it clear that we have expressed no opinion on the merit of the appeals before us and the respective rights and contentions of the parties.

Copy of this order be furnished to all the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the parties today itself.

JUDGE

CHIEF JUSTICE

Victoria