



**Serial No. 18**  
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**HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA**  
**AT SHILLONG**

WP(C) No. 362 of 2024

Date of Decision: 04.12.2024

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**... Petitioner(s)**

**Versus**

1. The State of Meghalaya  
Represented by the Commissioner & Secretary,  
Power Department, Government of Meghalaya,  
Shillong.
  2. Chairman-cum-Managing Director,  
Meghalaya Power Distribution Corporation, Ltd.,(MeECL)  
Lumjingshai, Short Round Road, Shillong  
Meghalaya
  3. Director Corporate Affairs,  
Meghalaya Energy Corporation Limited (MeECL),  
Lumjingshai, Short Round Road, Shillong  
Meghalaya
  4. Chief Accounts Officer,  
Meghalaya Energy Corporation Limited (MeECL),  
Lumjingshai, Short Round Road, Shillong  
Meghalaya
  5. Joint Secretary,  
Meghalaya Power Distribution Corporation Ltd. (MeECL)  
Lumjingshai, Short Round Road, Shillong  
Meghalaya
  6. Deputy Secretary,  
Meghalaya Power Distribution Corporation Ltd. (MeECL)  
Lumjingshai, Short Round Road, Shillong  
Meghalaya
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7. Chief Engineer,  
Meghalaya Power Distribution Corporation Ltd. (MePDCL)
8. The Senior Electrical Inspector, Govt. of Meghalaya,  
Horse Shoe Building, Shillong.
9. Assistant Executive Engineer,  
Lapalang Distribution Sub-Division  
Meghalaya Power Distribution Corporation Ltd. (MePDCL),  
Shillong.
10. Director (Distribution) MePDCL,  
Lumjingshai, Shillong.
11. Superintending Engineer,  
Shillong Distribution Circle, MeEDCL,  
Shillong, Meghalaya.
12. Chief Engineer (D) East Zone MePDCL,  
Shillong, Meghalaya.
13. Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd., (PGCIL),  
Northern Eastern Regional office, through its  
Regional Executive Director,  
Lapalang, Shillong.
14. Member North Eastern Regional Load  
Dispatch Centre Grid India (NERLDC)
15. Member Secretary,  
North Eastern Regional Power Committee (NERPC),  
Lapalang, Shillong.
- ... Respondent(s)
16. Deputy Commissioner & Chairperson (DDMA),  
East Khasi Hills District, Shillong,  
Meghalaya
17. Executive Engineer, MUDA Shillong,  
Meghalaya.



18. Block Development Officer Mawpat, C&RD Block,  
Shillong.
19. Deputy Director,  
North Eastern Regional Power Committee (NERPC),  
Shillong
20. The Secretary,  
Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council (KHADC), Shillong  
East Khasi Hills District, Meghalaya.
21. Dorbar Shnong Lapalang represented by Headman  
Shri J. Hynniewta, Shillong,  
Meghalaya.

... Proforma Respondent(s)

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**Coram:**

**Hon'ble Mr. Justice H. S. Thangkhiew, Judge**

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**Appearance:**

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| For the Petitioner(s) | : | Mr. S. Sen, Adv.                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| For the Respondent(s) | : | Mr. A.S. Pandey, Adv. (For 2-12)<br>Mr. N. Khera, Adv. (For R 13)<br>Dr. N. Mozika, DSGI with<br>Ms. K. Gurung, Adv. (For R 15)<br>Mr. T.T. Diengdoh, Sr. Adv. with<br>Mr. C.C.T Sangma, Adv. (For R 20) |

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| ii) | Whether approved for publication<br>in press:           | Yes/No |
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**JUDGMENT AND ORDER (ORAL)**

1. This matter was brought before this Court by the petitioner with a prayer to direct the respondent Meghalaya Energy Corporation Limited (MeECL), North Eastern Regional Power Committee (NERPC), Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd., (PGCIL), for removal of the high tension electric pole and 33KV line, which skirts the premises, and land of the writ petitioner, as well as for reconstruction of the boundary wall by the NERPC, which was damaged by a landslide.

2. When this matter was taken up on the last date, the NERPC (Respondent No. 15), has produced materials showing that the collapse of the boundary wall had also affected the portion of the residential quarters of the NERPC, and accordingly an estimate has also been prepared for repair of the same, which has since been sanctioned, and works is to be executed by the CPWD.

3. With regard to the other aspects, i.e. shifting of the high tension pole and 33KV line, it has been submitted by Mr. N. Khera, learned counsel for the respondent No. 13, that the said high tension poles will be removed and the underground cabling works is underway, for which money has already been sanctioned, and works is to be executed by MeECL (Respondents Nos. 2-12). It is also submitted that



the underground cabling is not primarily due to the incident as reported, but is part of regular course of upgradation and improvement of the operations of the respondent No. 13. The same is noted, by this Court.

4. In view of these developments, it appears that whatever grievances the writ petitioner had or harbored has been addressed. It is expected that the construction of the wall be completed expeditiously, as well as the other works for cabling or ducting, as seen in the materials placed before this Court. It is further provided that the parties are to cooperate in the execution of the works, and not to cause disruption, in any manner.

5. Accordingly, the matter stands closed and is disposed of.

**JUDGE**

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