

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

PIL No. 28 of 2025

Y. Mangi Singh

Petitioner

Vs.

The State of Manipur and 2 others

Respondents

BEFORE

**HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. M. SUNDAR
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AHANTHEM BIMOL SINGH**

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by M. Sundar, CJ)

08.12.2025

[1] This order will now dispose of the captioned Public Interest Litigation.

[2] In the hearing today, Mr. M. Rendy, learned counsel on record for the petitioner and Mr. Athouba Khaidem, learned senior advocate and Government Advocate instructed by Mr. Phungyo Zingkhai, learned State Counsel for all the three respondents are before us.

[3] This order has to be read in conjunction with and in continuation of earlier proceedings made in the listings on 06.11.2025 and 20.11.2025 which reads as follows :

'06.11.2025

[1] Captioned writ petition has been filed as a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) *inter alia* with a prayer qua effective steps for prevention, control and combat of dengue fever, which appears to be an outbreak of sorts.

[2] Mr. M. Hemchandra, learned Sr. Advocate instructed by Ms. Rinika Maibam learned counsel for petitioner is present before this Court

[3] As regards PILs of this nature, in the normal circumstances, it would be ideal to first send a representation to the State and thereafter come to Court if there is inaction but in this case, we make an exception considering the subject matter and we issue notice.

[4] Mr. Phungyo Zingkhai, learned State counsel, accepts notice for all the three respondents and Mr. Athouba Khaidem, learned senior counsel and Government Advocate appears on behalf of Mr. Phungyo Zingkhai, learned State counsel who has accepted notice.

[5] Mr. Athouba Khaidem, learned Sr. Advocate on instructions from learned State counsel, submits that it may appropriate that the matter is listed a fortnight hence so as to enable the counsel on record/instructing counsel to get instructions regarding the steps that are being taken and place it before this Court by way of an Action Taken Report (ATR).

[6] List a fortnight hence.

[7] List on 20.11.2025.'

'20.11.2025.'

[1] Read this in conjunction with and in continuation of earlier proceedings made in the previous listing on 06.11.2025.

[2] Today, Mr. M. Rendy, learned counsel on record for PIL petitioner and Mr. KH. Athouba, learned Senior Government Advocate instructed by Mr. Phungyo Zingkhei, learned State counsel are before this Court.

[3] Learned State counsel has placed before us 'ATR' (Action Taken Report) and the same has been furnished to the learned counsel for PIL petitioner. It is appropriate that PIL petitioner

(though only an informant) gets some time to peruse the same and revert to this Court.

[4] List this matter a fortnight hence.

[5] List on 04.12.2025.’

[4] The above proceedings shall be now read as an integral part and parcel of this order. This also means that the short forms/abbreviations and short references used in the earlier proceedings shall continue to be used in the instant order.

[5] Adverting to the ATR, learned counsel for PIL petitioner very fairly submitted that there is no serious shortcoming or flaw qua ATR. To be noted, the ATR runs to 41 (forty one) pages. Be that as it may, learned counsel for PIL petitioner pointed out that notwithstanding the action that is being taken by the State, cases of dengue are still being reported. In support of his contention, learned counsel placed before us a download from the official website of the Directorate of Health Services, Government of Manipur (DHS). To be noted, Directorate of Health Services is R3 (3rd respondent) in the captioned PIL. A careful perusal of the data brings to light that 6 (six) cases in one district (Imphal West), 2 (two) cases in another district (Imphal East) and one case in Thoubal district have since been reported. In writing ‘since been’, this Court refers to the period post 05.11.2025 being the date on which the captioned PIL was filed in this Court.

[6] In response to the above, learned senior counsel appearing for State submitted that every possible step has been taken, all measures have

been put in place and he drew our attention to a tabulation in the ATR, a scanned reproduction of which is as follows :

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ANNEX-A

Action taken for the Prevention & Containment of VBDs for the Period 1st January to 31st November, 2025.

Name of the district	No. of fogging done		No. of source reduction exercise done		Awareness campaign done		No. of RBCs registered		Rapid Response Team (RRT) in ATR & District	Social Media vts. Facebook, WhatsApp	Antenatal and Microfilaria	Radio Talk and TV programmes at village level	Salaries of Larvicidal staff	No. of RBCs Training	Formation of Rapid Response Team
	No. of House Hold	Radio Camp	Locality	Radio Camp	Locality	Radio Camp	Number (in Locality)	Number (in Radio Camp)							
Urban	1383	5	460	0	472	0	3	2	178	75	0	2	43	2	17
Bishnupur	37	0	58	2	88	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Chandel	8	0	71	0	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tengnoupal	10	0	161	0	172	0	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	0	0
Churehandpur	144	0	188	0	173	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Phenail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Imphal East	342	0	188	0	218	0	11	650	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jiribam	22	4	88	6	50	4	132	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Imphal West	860	1	588	1	609	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kangpokoi	4	0	1132	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Senapati	23	0	17	0	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Samangdong	28	0	26	0	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Honey	1	0	1	0	73	0	403	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Thoubat	23	0	106	0	73	0	896	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kokoching	15	0	989	10	96	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Uthul	24	0	111	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kangjona	7	0	49	2	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	2768	10	4385	23	3287	18	3855	1341	178	171	0	0	54	2	17

[7] Adverting to the above tabulation, learned senior counsel submitted that fogging, source reduction exercise, awareness campaigns, formation of Rapid Response Teams have all been put in place. Learned senior counsel adverting to ATR drew our attention to availability of blood and the blood cells details of which forms part of ATR. It was also pointed out that in a given district, a particular room in the district hospital has been identified as dedicated bed for dengue cases. To be noted, this is in Chandel district. Learned senior counsel adverted to other details in the ATR but we refrain from burdening this order with all those details as PIL petitioner has very fairly submitted that there is no flaw qua the ATR. After all, this being a PIL is not an adversarial litigation.

[8] Be that as it may, this Court also finds from the data available in the official website (which is not disputed by the PIL petitioner) that from and out of 16 (sixteen) revenue districts in the State of Manipur, post filing of PIL, dengue cases have been reported only in 3 (three) districts and the numbers are 6 (six) in one district, 2 (two) in another and 1 (one) in the third district about which there is allusion elsewhere supra in this order. This obviously cannot be construed as outbreak of an epidemic.

[9] Learned senior counsel for State submits that the action put in place qua ATR will be sustained and every effort will be made to contain and ultimately eradicate dengue. Learned senior counsel also submitted that coordination with civic authorities is underway.

[10] In the light of the narrative thus far, we deem it appropriate to drop the curtains on the captioned PIL making it clear that it is open to the PIL petitioner or anyone else concerned for this issue to come to this Court again on this subject, if there is sagging qua efforts of State or if there are any other shortcomings which are alarming.

[11] Ergo, the sequitur is, captioned PIL is disposed of as closed and there shall be no order as to costs.

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JUDGE

CHIEF JUSTICE