

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

W.P. (C) No. 101 of 2026

Yumnam Ningol Khongbantabam Ongbi Promodini
Devi and Anr.

... *Petitioners*

- *Versus* -

State of Manipur and 4 Ors.

... *Respondents*

**B E F O R E
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A. GUNESHWAR SHARMA**

ORDER

17.02.2026

[1] Heard Mr. M. Hemchandra, learned sr. counsel assisted by Mr. Juno Rahman and Mr. M. Rendy, learned counsels for the petitioners and Mr. H. Debendra, learned Dy. AG assisted by Mr. A. Bheigya, learned jr. Govt. counsel on behalf of the State respondents.

[2] By the present petition, the petitioners approach this Court with an innocuous prayer of directing the State respondents to implement with the earlier order dated 01.09.2008 passed by the then Gauhati High Court, Imphal Bench in W.P. (C) No. 665 of 2008 and the prayer is reproduced below:

- (i). *To admit the present writ petition.*
- (ii). *To issue rule nisi calling upon the respondent to show cause as to why prayer made by the petitioner shall not be granted in the facts and circumstances of the present petition.*
- (iii). *To issue a writ in the nature of mandamus/ certiorari or any other appropriate writ/ order / direction to implement / execute / comply with the order dated 01-09-2008 (**AT ANNEXURE-A/11**) passed in WP (C) No. 665 of 2008 by*

the Hon'ble High Court within a short stipulated period of time.

- (iv). To issue a Writ in the nature of Mandamus or any other appropriate Writ/ order/ direction to consider and dispose of the reminder representation dated 07-02-2026 (**AT ANNEXURE-A/18**) submitted by the petitioner by passing a speaking order, in the facts and circumstances of the present Writ Petition.*
- (v). If no cause is shown or insufficient cause is shown, make the rule absolute.*
- (vi). To call for the relevant records.*
- (vii). To pass any other/ writ/ directions which the Hon'ble Court deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the present case.*

[3] The learned sr. counsel for the petitioners draw the attention of this Court to '**Annexure-A/11**' i.e. order dated 01.09.2008 passed by the then Gauhati High Court, Imphal Bench in W.P. (C) No. 665 of 2008 whereby, directing the State respondents to make a spot enquiry on the basis of revenue record and by giving opportunity to the petitioner at the time of spot enquiry and the relevant para is reproduced below:

"It is made clear that the spot enquiry shall be based on the revenue record. The revenue record shall also be made available at the spot at the time of carrying out the spot enquiry so as to enable all the parties concerned to understand that the spot enquiry is being carried out on the basis of the revenue record."

[4] Since, the direction in order dated 01.09.2008 was not complied till date, the petitioners and others submitted a joint representation dated 26.12.2025 to the (i) The Director, Settlement and Land Record Manipur, Lamphel, (ii) Deputy Commissioner, Imphal East, Porompat, Imphal, (iii) Sub-Divisional Officer, Porompat, Imphal & (iv) Assistant Settlement and Survey Officer-XI for complying the earlier order dated 01.09.2008 passed by the then

Gauhati High Court, Imphal Bench and thereafter, the petitioners through their counsels sent a legal notice dated 28.01.2026 to the State respondents nos. 1 to 5 herein, i.e. (1) the Commissioner/ Secretary (Revenue), Govt. of Manipur, Office at Secretariat, Mantripukhri, (2) the Director, Settlement and Land Record Manipur, Office at Lamphelpat, (3) the Deputy Commissioner, Imphal East, Porompat, Imphal, (4) the Sub-Divisional Officer, Porompat, Imphal & (5) the Assistant Settlement and Survey Officer-XI, Office at Lamphelpat for complying the earlier order dated 01.09.2008.

[5] On 10.02.2026, when the matter was listed before this Court, Mr. H. Debendra, learned Dy. AG sought some time for taking instruction. Today, the learned Dy. AG hands over a copy of the letter dated 13.02.2026 sent by S&SO-I, Settlement & Land Records, Manipur to the Office of the learned Dy. AG, Manipur stating that physical demarcation was done to ascertain the physical area of State land. However, the petitioners were not given notice for the same. The learned Dy. AG fairly submits that the writ petition may be disposed of with a direction to both parties for a joint demarcation/verification with participation of the petitioners and others.

[6] Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of with the following direction that the State respondents shall conduct a demarcation/verification of the land mentioned in the legal notice dated 28.01.2026 on 11.03.2026 at 11:00 am.

[7] It is clarified that State may issue notice to the adjoining land owners who are likely to be affected by the demarcation/verification process.

[8] With these observations, the W.P. (C) No. 101 of 2026 is disposed of.

JUDGE

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