

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

CONT.CAS(C) No. 40 of 2026

Shri Janglenpao Baite, aged about 25 years S/o Ngamtong Baite,
resident of Tamu Village, PS Tamu, Tamu District Mayanmar.

Petitioner

Vs.

Shri N. Ashok Kumar (IAS), Commissioner (Home), Government of
Manipur, Room No. 78, 2nd Floor, Manipur Secretariat Complex,
Mantripukhri, P.O. & P.S. Heingang, Imphal East District, Manipur-
795002.

Respondent

With

CONT.CAS(C) No. 41 of 2026

Shri Jamkholal Mate, aged about 45 years S/o (L) Thongsei Mate,
resident of Tamu Village, PS Tamu, Tamu District Mayanmar.

Petitioner

Vs.

Shri N. Ashok Kumar (IAS), Commissioner (Home), Government of
Manipur, Room No. 78, 2nd Floor, Manipur Secretariat Complex,
Mantripukhri, P.O. & P.S. Heingang, Imphal East District, Manipur-
795002.

Respondent

With

CONT.CAS(C) No. 42 of 2026

Shri Lunkhothang Baite alias Lhunkhothang Baite aged about 46
years S/o Zam Lhun Baite alias Jamlun resident of Tamu Village, PS
Tamu, Tamu District Mayanmar.

Petitioner

Vs.

Shri N. Ashok Kumar (IAS), Commissioner (Home), Government of
Manipur, Room No. 78, 2nd Floor, Manipur Secretariat Complex,
Mantripukhri, P.O. & P.S. Heingang, Imphal East District, Manipur-
795002.

Respondent

With

CONT.CAS(C) No. 43 of 2026

Shri Lalnunmawia Gangte, aged about 26 years S/o (L) Rochhunga
Gangte, resident of Tamu Village, PS Tamu, Tamu District
Mayanmar.

Petitioner

Vs.

Shri N. Ashok Kumar (IAS), Commissioner (Home), Government of Manipur, Room No. 78, 2nd Floor, Manipur Secretariat Complex, Mantripukhri, P.O. & P.S. Heingang, Imphal East District, Manipur-795002.

Respondent

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

For petitioner	Mr. Tungrei Ngakang, Advocate
For respondents	Mr. S. Chittaranjan, Additional Advocate General along with Mr. A. Priyokumar, Advocate.
Date of Judgment & Order	22.05.2026

JUDGMENT AND ORDER
(ORAL)

(M. Sundar, CJ)

[1] This common order will now dispose of the captioned 4(four) contempt cases.

[2] In the hearing today, Mr. Tungrei Ngakang, learned counsel on record for all the four contempt case petitioners. Mr. S. Chittaranjan, learned Additional Advocate General for Manipur together with Mr. A. Priyokumar, learned counsel, are before this Court on behalf of lone respondent in all the 4(four) contempt cases.

[3] When the captioned 4(four) contempt cases were listed before this Court on 08.05.2026, proceedings were made and reproduction of this proceedings made in 08.05.2026 listing is as follows:

'08.05.2026

[1] *Captioned 4 (four) contempt petitions have been filed on the ground that directives given in 'common judgment and order dated 11.03.2026 in W.P. (Crl.) No. 4 of 2026 with W.P. (Crl.) No. 5 of 2026 with W.P. (Crl.) No. 6 of 2026 and W.P. (Crl.) No. 7 of 2026' ('said order' for the sake of convenience and clarity) have not been complied with by the sole respondent.*

[2] *To be noted, in and vide said order, this Court directed the sole respondent in the captioned contempt petitions to dispose of a representation dated 24.02.2026 on its own merits and in accordance with law and with reference to the point that similarly placed persons have been repatriated/deported in exercise of powers under Section 11(1) of the Foreigners Act, 1946 (31 of 1946). As regards time frame, the direction was to dispose of said representation on or before 01.04.2026 by way of a speaking order and communicate the same (under due acknowledgment) to writ petitioners on or before 08.04.2026.*

[3] *Mr. Tungrei Ngakang, learned counsel for contempt petitioners, submits that captioned contempt petitions have been presented in this Court on 07.05.2026 and until this day, writ petitioners have not received orders/proceedings disposing of said representation.*

[4] *Issue notice.*

[5] *Mr. S. Chittaranjan, learned Additional Advocate General, Manipur along with Mr. A. Priyokumar Sharma, learned State counsel, accepts notice on behalf of sole respondent. Learned State counsel requests for time to get instructions and revert to this Court.*

[6] *Afore-referred request of learned State counsel is acceded to. List a fortnight hence.*

[7] *List on 22.05.2026.'*

[4] Adverting to afore-referred 08.05.2026 proceedings, learned Additional Advocate General submits that representation dated 24.02.2026 from the 4(four) contempt case petitioners have since been disposed of on its own merits and in accordance with law by the respondent on 21.05.2026, pursuant to/in compliance with common order dated 11.03.2026 made by this Court in Writ Petition (Crl.) Nos. 4, 5, 6 and 7 of 2026.

[5] Learned Additional Advocate General has placed before us afore-referred proceedings/order dated 21.05.2026 bearing reference No. H-2001/62/2026-HD-HD: vide which representation of writ petitioners/contempt petitioners has been disposed of and a scanned reproduction of the same is as follows:

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**GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR
SECRETARIAT: HOME DEPARTMENT**

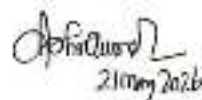
ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR, MANIPUR
Imphal, the 21st May, 2026

No. H-2001/62/2026-HD-HD: Whereas, the 4 (four) petitioners viz. i) Lalnunmawia Garigte; ii) Lunghothang Baite; iii) Jamkhohai Mate and iv) Janglenpao Baite filed i) Writ Petition (Crl.) No. 4 of 2026; ii) Writ Petition (Crl.) No. 5 of 2026 iii) Writ Petition (Crl.) No. 6 of 2026 & iv) Writ Petition (Crl.) No. 7 of 2026 respectively before the Hon'ble High Court of Manipur praying inter-alia to release the petitioners forthwith from the Foreigners' Detention Centre, Saijwa, Imphal, to initiate and complete the process of repatriation/deportation of the petitioners to Myanmar in accordance with law;

2. And whereas, after hearing the submissions advanced by the parties at length, the Hon'ble High Court of Manipur, vide Common Judgment and Order dated 11-03-2026 passed in Writ Petition (Crl.) No. 4 of 2026 along with Writ Petition (Crl.) Nos. 5, 6 and 7 of 2026, disposed of the writ petitions by directing the Commissioner (Home), Government of Manipur [Respondent No. 2], to dispose of the representations dated 24-02-2026 as expeditiously as official business would permit, but in any event within three weeks from the date of passing of the order, i.e., on or before 01-04-2026. The Hon'ble Court further directed that the Commissioner (Home), Government of Manipur, shall consider the said representations on their own merits and in accordance with law, particularly with reference to the fact that similarly situated persons had earlier been repatriated/deported by exercising powers under Section 11(1) of the Foreigners Act, 1946, and thereafter pass a speaking order accordingly;

3. And whereas, the Administrative Department, after due consideration and detailed examination of the representations submitted by the petitioners, the cases of similarly situated persons who had earlier been repatriated/deported by exercising powers under Section 11(1) of the Foreigners Act, 1946, as well as the relevant available records, considered the claims of the petitioners made through their representations dated 24-02-2026 regarding their release from the Foreigners' Detention Centre, Saijwa, Imphal, and initiation and completion of the process of repatriation/deportation, in accordance with the applicable law;

4. And whereas, in view of the above and for the reasons stated herein, the Personal Data Forms along with two original photographs each in respect of the aforesaid four petitioners/Myanmar nationals, who had been arrested under Section 14 of the Foreigners Act, 1946, and subsequently granted bail and issued release orders by the Court of the Judicial Magistrate First Class, Moreh, Manipur, as submitted by the Superintendent of

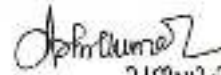

21 May 2026

Prisons, Manipur Central Jail, Sajiwa vide Letter No. 3/80/2023-MCJS/517 dated 18-05-2025, have been forwarded to the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi vide Letter No. H-2001/62/2026-HD-HD dated 18-05-2026, with a request to verify the nationality of the aforesaid Myanmar nationals and to arrange for issuance of their Certificates of Identity (CoI)/travel permits for their return to their home country (Myanmar) at the earliest;

5. Now, therefore, in compliance with the Common Judgment and Order dated 11-03-2026 passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Manipur in Writ Petition (Crl.) No. 4 of 2026 along with Writ Petition (Crl.) Nos. 5, 6 and 7 of 2026, the Governor of Manipur is pleased to dispose of the aforesaid representations dated 24-02-2026 submitted by the petitioners in terms of the action taken as stated above.

6. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

By orders & in the name of Governor,


21 May 2026
(N Ashok Kumar)

Commissioner (Home), Government of Manipur

Copy to :-

1. Secretary to Governor, Manipur.
2. Secretary to Chief Minister, Manipur.
3. Staff Officer to Chief Secretary, Government of Manipur.
4. Director General of Police, Manipur.
5. Director General of Police (Prisons), Manipur.
6. Commissioner (Home), Government of Manipur.
7. Writ petitioners in Writ Petition (Crl) No. 4 of 2026, Writ Petition (Crl) No. 5 of 2026, Writ Petition (Crl) No. 6 of 2026 and Writ Petition (Crl) No. 7 of 2026 through Superintendent of Prisons, Manipur Central Jail, Sajiwa.
8. Relevant File.

Copy also to :-

Shri Aphikarimayum Priyokumar Sharma, Jr. Advocate to Soraisam Chittaranjan Singh, Addl. Advocate General, Manipur.

[6] Learned counsel on record for the contempt case petitioners has been favored with a copy of the afore-referred 21.05.2026 proceedings made by the lone respondent.

[7] Learned Additional Advocate General, advertng to afore-referred 21.05.2026 proceedings made by respondent submits that order of this Hon'ble Court has since been complied and advertng to paragraph No. 3 of the

proceedings, learned Additional Advocate General, further submits that Government of Manipur has taken a decision to repatriate/deport the contempt case petitioners inter alia in exercise of powers under Section 11(1) of the Foreigners Act, 1946 (31 of 1946) subject only to response from the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India about which there is allusion in paragraph No. 4 of 21.05.2026 proceedings.

[8] In the light of the narrative thus far, we record compliance and discharge the respondent from the captioned contempt cases and purge respondent of contempt, making it clear that the respondent will now stand purged of contempt qua captioned 4(four) contempt cases.

[9] Before writing the concluding paragraph, though obvious, we deem it appropriate to make it clear that it is open to contempt case petitioners to come back to this Court with suitable petitions regarding repatriation/deportation, if they have any further/other issues. If such a scenario unfurls, such petitions will be considered on its own merits and in accordance with law.

[10] Ergo, sequitur is, captioned 4(four) contempt cases are disposed of as closed purging the respondent of contempt and discharging the respondent from all four captioned contempt cases. There shall be no order as to costs.

JUDGE

Indrajeet

CHIEF JUSTICE