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Suppl. Sl. Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5

IN THE HIGH COURT OF MANIPUR
AT IMPHAL

W.P. (Crl.) No. 11 of 2026

Shri. Thang Ja Thang Haokip alias Thongjathang Haokip aged about 46 years, S/o Thangkhomang Haokip resident of Sawbwa (5), Tamu Sagaing Region Mayanmar.

……Petitioner

Vs.

1. State of Manipur represented by Additional Secretary (Home), Government of Manipur, 2nd Floor, North Block, Room No. : 127, Manipur Secretariat Complex, Mantripukhri, P.O. & P.S. Heingang, Imphal East District, Manipur – 795002.
2. The Union of India represented by Under Secretary (Mayanmar), Government of India, Ministry of External Affairs (BM Division), Room No. 28, South Block, New Delhi – 110001.
3. The State of Manipur represented by Commissioner (Home), Government of Manipur, 2nd Floor, Room No: 78, South Block, Manipur Secretariat Complex, Mantripukhri, P.O. & P.S. Heingang, Imphal East District, Manipur – 795002.
4. The Directorate General of Police, Government of Manipur, Manipur Police Head Quarter, Mantripukhri, P.O. & P.S. Heingang, Imphal East District, Manipur – 795002.
5. The Superintendent of Prison, Women Foreigners Detention Centre, Manipur Central Jail, Imphal.
6. The Officer-in-Charge, Moreh Police Station at Moreh, P.O. & P.S. Moreh, Tengnoupal District, Manipur- 795131.

……Respondents

With
W.P. (Crl.) No. 12 of 2026

Shri. Onthang Baite On Thang Baite, aged about 72 years, S/o (L) Holkhojam Baite, resident of Sawbwa (5), Tamu Sagaing Region Mayanmar.

……Petitioner

Vs.

1. State of Manipur represented by Additional Secretary (Home), Government of Manipur, 2nd Floor, North Block, Room No. : 127, Manipur Secretariat Complex, Mantripukhri, P.O. & P.S. Heingang, Imphal East District, Manipur – 795002.
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4. The Directorate General of Police, Government of Manipur, Manipur Police Head Quarter, Mantripukhri, P.O. & P.S. Heingang, Imphal East District, Manipur – 795002.
5. The Superintendent of Prison, Women Foreigners Detention Centre, Manipur Central Jail, Imphal.
6. The Officer-in-Charge, Moreh Police Station at Moreh, P.O. & P.S. Moreh, Tengnoupal District, Manipur- 795131.

……Respondents

With
W.P. (Crl.) No. 13 of 2026

Shri Thang Gou Len Baite alias Thanggoulen Baite aged about 26 years S/o Lunkhomang Baite resident of Sawbwa [5] Tamu, Sagaing, Region, Myanmar.

……Petitioner

Vs.

1. State of Manipur represented by Additional Secretary (Home), Government of Manipur, 2nd Floor, North Block, Room No. : 127, Manipur Secretariat Complex, Mantripukhri, P.O. & P.S. Heingang, Imphal East District, Manipur – 795002.
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4. The Directorate General of Police, Government of Manipur, Manipur Police Head Quarter, Mantripukhri, P.O. & P.S. Heingang, Imphal East District, Manipur – 795002.
5. The Superintendent of Prison, Women Foreigners Detention Centre, Manipur Central Jail, Imphal.
6. The Officer-in-Charge, Moreh Police Station at Moreh, P.O. & P.S. Moreh, Tengnoupal District, Manipur- 795131.

……Respondents

With
W.P. (Crl.) No. 14 of 2026

Shri. Thangkhogin Haokip aged about 29 years, S/o Paokholet Haokip resident of Tamu Village PS, Tamu District Mayanmar.

……Petitioner

Vs.

1. State of Manipur represented by Additional Secretary (Home), Government of Manipur, 2nd Floor, North Block, Room No. : 127, Manipur Secretariat Complex, Mantripukhri, P.O. & P.S. Heingang, Imphal East District, Manipur – 795002.
2. The Union of India represented by Under Secretary (Mayanmar), Government of India, Ministry of External Affairs (BM Division), Room No. 28, South Block, New Delhi – 110001.
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4. The Directorate General of Police, Government of Manipur, Manipur Police Head Quarter, Mantripukhri, P.O. & P.S. Heingang, Imphal East District, Manipur – 795002.
5. The Superintendent of Prison, Women Foreigners Detention Centre, Manipur Central Jail, Imphal.
6. The Officer-in-Charge, Moreh Police Station at Moreh, P.O. & P.S. Moreh, Tengnoupal District, Manipur- 795131.

……Respondents

With
W.P. (Crl.) No. 15 of 2026

Shri. Ginkhosat Touthang aged about 43 years, S/o Jamsei Touthang resident of Sawbwa (5), Tamu Sagaing Region Mayanmar.

……Petitioner

Vs.

1. State of Manipur represented by Additional Secretary (Home), Government of Manipur, 2nd Floor, North Block, Room No. : 127, Manipur Secretariat Complex, Mantripukhri, P.O. & P.S. Heingang, Imphal East District, Manipur – 795002.
2. The Union of India represented by Under Secretary (Mayanmar), Government of India, Ministry of External Affairs (BM Division), Room No. 28, South Block, New Delhi – 110001.
3. The State of Manipur represented by Commissioner (Home), Government of Manipur, 2nd Floor, Room No: 78, South Block, Manipur Secretariat Complex, Mantripukhri, P.O. & P.S. Heingang, Imphal East District, Manipur – 795002.
4. The Directorate General of Police, Government of Manipur, Manipur Police Head Quarter, Mantripukhri, P.O. & P.S. Heingang, Imphal East District, Manipur – 795002.
5. The Superintendent of Prison, Women Foreigners Detention Centre, Manipur Central Jail, Imphal.
6. The Officer-in-Charge, Moreh Police Station at Moreh, P.O. & P.S. Moreh, Tengnoupal District, Manipur- 795131.

……Respondents

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

For Petitioners	::	Mr. Tungrei Ngakang, Advocate along with Ms. Chan Kashung, advocate
For Respondents	::	Mr. Soraisham Chittaranjan, Additional Advocate General for Manipur along with Mr. A. Priyokumar Sharma, Advocate for respondent Nos.1,3,4,5 & 6; Mr. N. Nongdamba, Advocate for respondent No. 2, led by Mr. Kh. Samarjit, Senior Advocate and Deputy Solicitor General of India (DSGI)
Date of Hearing	::	08.05.2026
Date of Judgment & Order	::	**08.05.2026**

COMMON JUDGMENT AND ORDER
(ORAL)

(M. Sundar, CJ)

[1] Mr. Tungrei Ngakang, learned counsel on record for writ petitioners in all 5(five) captioned 'Writ Petitions' ('WPs' in plural and 'WP' in singular for the sake of brevity and convenience) is before this Court.

[2] Learned counsel for writ petitioners submits that the captioned 5 WPs are directly and squarely covered by a common judgement/order dated 11.03.2026 made in W.P.(Cril.) Nos. 4 to 7 of 2026.

[3] Learned counsel for writ petitioners has placed before this Court a copy of the aforesaid common judgement/order dated 11.03.2026 in W.P.(Cril.) Nos. 4 to 7 of 2026 and reproduction of the same is as follows:

'IN THE HIGH COURT OF MANIPUR
AT IMPHAL
W.P. (Crl.) No. 4 of 2026

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

……Petitioner

Vs.

1. *Special Secretary (Home), Government of Manipur, Manipur Secretariat Complex, Mantripukhri, P.O. & P.S. Heingang, Imphal East District, Manipur – 795002.*
2. *State of Manipur represented by Commissioner (Home), Government of Manipur, Manipur Secretariat Complex, Mantripukhri, P.O. & P.S. Heingang, Imphal East District, Manipur – 795002.*
3. *Union of India through the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, Central Secretariat, New Delhi – 110001.*
4. *The Directorate General of Police, Government of Manipur, Manipur Police Head Quarter, Mantripukhri, P.O. & P.S. Heingang, Imphal East District, Manipur – 795002.*
5. *The Superintendent of Police, Manipur Central Jail Sajiwa, Foreigner Detention Centre, P.S. Lamlong, Imphal East District, Manipur – 795001.*
6. *The Officer-in-Charge, Moreh Police Station at Moreh, P.O. & P.S. Moreh, Tengnoupal District, Manipur – 795131.*

……Respondents

With
W.P. (Crl.) No. 5 of 2026

Shri. Lunkhothang Baite alias Lhunkhothang Baite, aged about 46 years, S/o Jamlhun Baite, resident of Tamu village, P.S. Tamu, Tamu District Mayanmar.

……Petitioner

Vs.

1. *Special Secretary (Home), Government of Manipur, Manipur Secretariat Complex, Mantripukhri, P.O. & P.S. Heingang, Imphal East District, Manipur – 795002.*
2. *State of Manipur represented by Commissioner (Home), Government of Manipur, Manipur Secretariat Complex, Mantripukhri, P.O. & P.S. Heingang, Imphal East District, Manipur – 795002.*
3. *Union of India through the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, Central Secretariat, New Delhi – 110001.*

4. *The Directorate General of Police, Government of Manipur, Manipur Police Head Quarter, Mantripukhri, P.O. & P.S. Heingang, Imphal East District, Manipur – 795002.*
5. *The Superintendent of Police, Manipur Central Jail Sajiwa, Foreigner Detention Centre, P.S. Lamlong, Imphal East District, Manipur – 795001.*
6. *The Officer-in-Charge, Moreh Police Station at Moreh, P.O. & P.S. Moreh, Tengnoupal District, Manipur – 795131.*

……Respondents

With
W.P. (Crl.) No. 6 of 2026

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

……Petitioner

Vs.

1. *Special Secretary (Home), Government of Manipur, Manipur Secretariat Complex, Mantripukhri, P.O. & P.S. Heingang, Imphal East District, Manipur – 795002.*
2. *State of Manipur represented by Commissioner (Home), Government of Manipur, Manipur Secretariat Complex, Mantripukhri, P.O. & P.S. Heingang, Imphal East District, Manipur – 795002.*
3. *Union of India through the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, Central Secretariat, New Delhi – 110001.*
4. *The Directorate General of Police, Government of Manipur, Manipur Police Head Quarter, Mantripukhri, P.O. & P.S. Heingang, Imphal East District, Manipur – 795002.*
5. *The Superintendent of Police, Manipur Central Jail Sajiwa, Foreigner Detention Centre, P.S. Lamlong, Imphal East District, Manipur – 795001.*
6. *The Officer-in-Charge, Moreh Police Station at Moreh, P.O. & P.S. Moreh, Tengnoupal District, Manipur – 795131.*

……Respondents

With
W.P. (Crl.) No. 7 of 2026

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

……Petitioner

Vs.

1. *Special Secretary (Home), Government of Manipur, Manipur Secretariat Complex, Mantripukhri, P.O. & P.S. Heingang, Imphal East District, Manipur – 795002.*
2. *State of Manipur represented by Commissioner (Home), Government of Manipur, Manipur Secretariat Complex, Mantripukhri, P.O. & P.S. Heingang, Imphal East District, Manipur – 795002.*
3. *Union of India through the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, Central Secretariat, New Delhi – 110001.*
4. *The Directorate General of Police, Government of Manipur, Manipur Police Head Quarter, Mantripukhri, P.O. & P.S. Heingang, Imphal East District, Manipur – 795002.*
5. *The Superintendent of Police, Manipur Central Jail Sajiwa, Foreigner Detention Centre, P.S. Lamlong, Imphal East District, Manipur – 795001.*
6. *The Officer-in-Charge, Moreh Police Station at Moreh, P.O. & P.S. Moreh, Tengnoupal District, Manipur – 795131.*

……Respondents

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

For Petitioners	*::*	*Mr. Tungrei Ngakang, Advocate*
For Respondents	*::*	*Mr. Th. Vashum, Deputy Government Advocate for respondent Nos. 1,2,4,5 & 6;* *Mr. N. Nongdamba, Advocate for respondent No. 3, led by Mr. Kh. Samarjit, Senior Advocate and Deputy Solicitor General of India (DSGI)*
Date of Hearing	*::*	*11.03.2026*
Date of Judgment & Order	*::*	***11.03.2026***

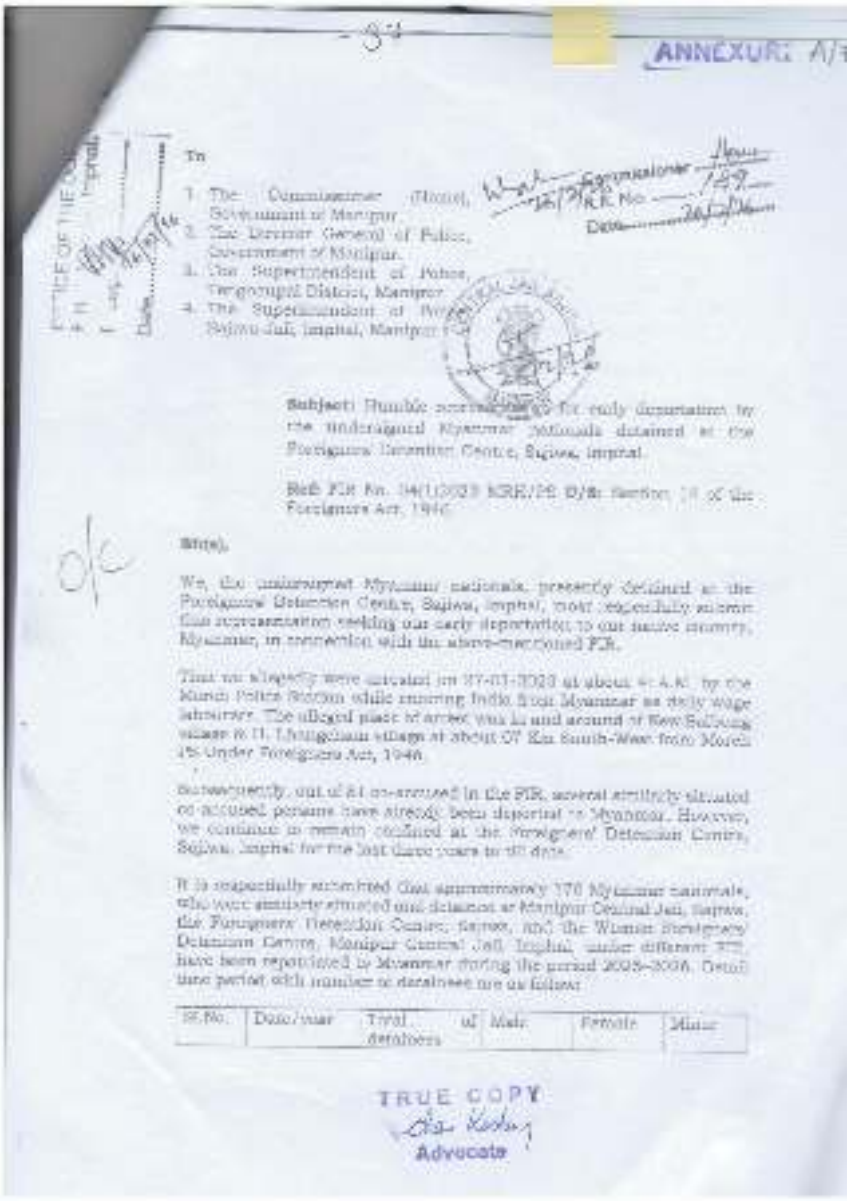
COMMON JUDGMENT AND ORDER
(ORAL)

(M. Sundar, CJ)

11.03.2026

[1] In the captioned four 'Writ Petitions' ('WPs' in plural and 'WP' in singular, for the sake of brevity and convenience), writ petitioners are citizens of Myanmar and are therefore foreign nationals in Union of India. Writ petitioners entered India along with several others {81 (eighty one) persons

*in all} and they were arrested on 27.01.2023 at about 4:00 am by police from Moreh Police station. A common FIR (First Information Report) being FIR dated 27.01.2023 bearing FIR No. 4(1)2023, MRH-PS on the file of Moreh Police Station in Tengnoupal District, Manipur, was lodged. In and by this FIR, 81 (eighty one) persons in all {including 4 (four) writ petitioners} were alleged to have violated Section 14 of 'the Foreigners Act 1946 (31 of 1946)' (hereinafter 'said Act' for the sake of convenience and clarity) for alleged illegal entry and stay in Indian territory. Writ petitioners were produced before the 'Judicial Magistrate First Class, Moreh, Manipur' (hereinafter, 'said JM' for the sake of convenience) on 27.01.2023 i.e., on the same day and the said JM remanded petitioners to judicial custody. Thereafter, petitioners were granted default bail. Petitioners complied with the bail conditions and release orders were also made. When things stood thus, 'R-1' {Special Secretary (Home), Government of Manipur} made an order dated 12.01.2026 bearing Reference No. H-802/11/2025-HD-HD repatriating the 24 (twenty four) out of the aforesaid 81 (eighty one) Myanmar Nationals with a direction to hand over the 24 (twenty four) persons to Myanmar authorities at Tamu through the Immigration Officer, Moreh on 04.02.2026. It is now learnt that R-1 made another order of even date i.e., order dated 12.01.2026 bearing Reference No. H-1701/282/2023-HD-HD repatriating 3 (three) more persons from and out of the 81 (eighty one) Myanmar Nationals. In these circumstances, a representation dated 24.02.2026 has been sent by 9 (nine) individuals and the four addressees are R-2 {Commissioner (Home) Government of Manipur}, R-4 (Director General of Police, Government of Manipur), Superintendent of Police, Tengnoupal District, Manipur and R-5 (Superintendent of Police, Sajiwa Jail, Imphal, Manipur). A scanned reproduction of this representation dated 24.02.2026 (received by R-2) on 26.02.2026 is as follow*s:



ANNEXURE A/5

To

1. The Commissioner (Home), Government of Manipur.
2. The Director General of Police, Government of Manipur.
3. The Superintendent of Police, Tengnoupal District, Manipur.
4. The Superintendent of Police, Sajiwa Jail, Imphal, Manipur.

Subject: Humble appeal for early deportation by the undersigned Myanmar nationals detained at the Foreigners Detention Centre, Sajiwa, Imphal.

Ref: FIR No. 04(12)23 KRE/PS U/S: Section 14 of the Foreigners Act, 1946

Sir(s),

We, the undersigned Myanmar nationals, presently confined at the Foreigners Detention Centre, Sajiwa, Imphal, most respectfully submit this representation seeking our early deportation to our native country, Myanmar, in connection with the above-mentioned FIR.

That we allegedly were arrested on 07-01-2023 at about 4 A.M. by the Kamjong Police Station while entering India from Myanmar as daily wage labourers. The alleged place of arrest was in and around of New Sukhung village in T. Lhangkiam village at about 07 Km South-West from Molcha PS under Foreigners Act, 1946.

Subsequently, out of 81 co-accused in the FIR, several similarly situated co-accused persons have already been deported to Myanmar. However, we continue to remain confined at the Foreigners' Detention Centre, Sajiwa, Imphal for the last three years to till date.

It is respectfully submitted that approximately 170 Myanmar nationals, who were similarly situated and detained at Manipur Central Jail, Sajiwa, the Foreigners' Detention Centre, Sajiwa, and the Women Foreigners' Detention Centre, Manipur Central Jail, Imphal, under different FIR, have been repatriated to Myanmar during the period 2023-2026. Detail date period with number of detainees are as follow:

Sl.No.	Date/year	Total no. of detainees	Male	Female	Minor

TRUE COPY

Advocate

2.	5-1-2025	27	All male		
3.	March 2025	27		21	6
4.	May 2025	3	All male		
5.	May 2025	39 all (women and children)			
6.	4-02-2026	27	24	1	2

Total= 170.

Among the detainees repatriated vide order dated 12-01-2026, some persons who are similarly situated and were booked under the same FIR as the petitioner are as follows:

1. Tongmang Haokip 35 years, S/o Kuo Ngam Haokip, (Sl No. 2) without bail.
2. Thanghun Haokip aged about 70 years S/o Reng Tun Haokip (SL No. 5) without bail.
3. Keashing aged about 51 years S/o Thung Kee (Sl. No. 13) without bail.
4. Benjamin Mate aged about 33 years S/o Ngam Kho Sei Mate (Sl No. 4) without bail.
5. Lhunkhomang Baite 56 years S/o Konja Thaung Baite (Sl No. 12) without bail.
6. Sungnumung Touthang 21 years S/o Jamlet Touthang (Sl No. 54) without bail.
7. Jamkholet Touthang 46 years S/o Heenkhoman Touthang (Sl No. 57) with bail.
8. Lhunkholet Baite 26 years S/o Thongpao Baite (Sl No. 9) without bail.
9. Hemkhai Touthang 57 years S/o Late Haokhojam (Sl No. 66) without bail and 5 others.

True copies of the latest repatriation order dated 12-01-2026 are enclosed herewith and marked as Annexure-A/1.

4. That after fulfilling all the terms and conditions imposed by the Court, the Hon'ble Judicial Magistrate First Class, Moreh, was pleased to grant bail to all the undersigned and accordingly issued release orders dated 02-03-2023, 02-11-2023, 22-11-2023, and 10-05-2024. However, despite the existence of valid bail and release orders, we continue to remain confined in the Foreigners' Detention Centre till date.
5. That earlier, due to a bona fide mistake, we submitted a representation dated 04-02-2026, stating that our continued detention was on account of non-furnishing of local surety. Subsequently, we came to know that we had already furnished the required sureties and executed personal bail bonds before the Hon'ble Court. Hence, we hereby withdraw the earlier representation, and pray that the present representation be treated as the correct and final representation.

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Advocate

6. That it is respectfully submitted that foreign nationals are also entitled to the protection of Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution of India, guaranteeing equality before law and protection of life and personal liberty. Our continued detention for an indefinite period, despite grant of bail and deportation of similarly placed co-accused, is arbitrary, discriminatory, and unconstitutional.
7. That the object of the Foreigners Act, 1946 is regulation and deportation, and not indefinite detention. Once further incarceration serves no penal or procedural purpose, deportation remains the only lawful, just, and humane course available to the authorities.
8. That we further most respectfully pray that we may kindly be permitted to possess and use our personal mobile phones inside the Foreigners' Detention Centre, subject to reasonable restrictions, solely for the purpose of communicating with our family members, friends, and legal counsel.
9. That access to communication is an integral facet of the right to life and personal liberty under Article 21, especially for foreign detainees who remain completely cut off from their families and legal assistance. Total denial of communication causes extreme mental distress and hampers our right to effective legal representation.

PRAYER

In view of the facts and circumstances stated hereinabove, we most humbly pray that the concerned authorities may graciously be pleased to:

1. Take immediate steps for our deportation/repatriation to Myanmar;
2. Permit us to possess and use personal mobile phones, subject to reasonable restrictions; and
3. Pass such other order(s) as may be deemed fit and proper in the interest of justice, equity, and humanitarian considerations.

And for this act of kindness, we shall remain ever grateful.

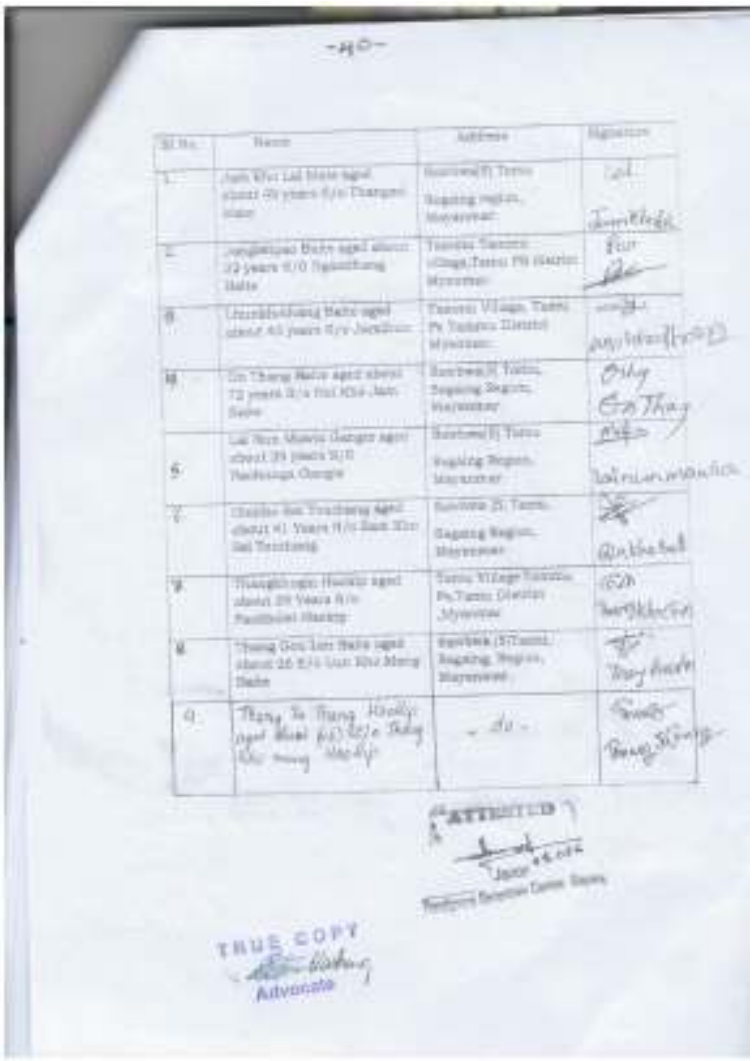
We shall remain ever grateful for your kind consideration.

Dated: 24-02-2026
Place: Imphal

Your faithfully,

Signatures of the detainees

TRUE COPY
Advocate



[2] Mr. Tungrei Ngakang, learned counsel for writ petitioners, adverting to the afore-referred representation, submitted that in the tabulation at the end of the representation, writ petitioner in captioned W.P. (Crl.) No. 4 of 2026 (Lalnunmawia Gangte) is Sl. No. 5, writ petitioner in captioned W.P. (Crl.) No. 5 of 2026 (Lunkhothang Baite @ Lhunkhothang Baite) is Sl. No. 3, writ petitioner in captioned W.P. (Crl.) No. 6 of 2026 (Jamkholal Mate) is Sl. No. 1 and writ petitioner in captioned W.P. (Crl.) No. 7 of 2026 (Janglenpao Baite) is Sl. No. 2.

[3] Learned counsel submitted that 4 (four) writ petitioners are similarly placed qua afore-referred 27 (twenty seven) individuals who have been repatriated vide two separate orders (made by R-1) both dated 12.01.2026 about which there is allusion elsewhere supra in this order.

[4] Issue notice.

[5] Mr. Th. Vashum, learned State counsel, accepts notice for R-1, R-2, R-4, R-5 and R-6, Mr. Nongdamba Naorem, learned counsel, accepts

notice for R-3 and Mr. Kh. Samarjit, learned senior advocate and Deputy Solicitor General of India (DSGI) appears on his behalf. To be noted, 'R-1' is an abbreviation denoting '1st respondent' and similar abbreviations have been used in the instant order with regard to other respondents also.

[6] Though in the admission board, owing to the limited perimeter within which the matter has to perambulate and in the light of the order this Court proposes to make, this Court with the consent of all the aforesaid learned counsel as well as learned senior counsel/DSGI, took up the main WPs and heard out the same.

[7] There is no disputation or contestation between the parties that writ petitioner in one of the captioned writ petitions, namely, W.P. (Crl.) No. 5 of 2026 (Lunkhothang Baite @ Lhunkhothang Baite) came to this Court earlier with regard to this very issue vide W.P. (Crl.) No. 3 of 2026 and the same was disposed of by this court vide an order dated 10.02.2026, which reads as follows:

'Sl. No. 1(Suppl)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF MANIPUR
AT IMPHAL

WP(Cril.)No.3 of 2026

Lunkho Thang Baite alias Lunkhothang Baite aged about 46 years S/O Zam Lhun Baite alias Jamlun resident of Tamu village, PS Tamu, Tamu District Myanmar.

Petitioner

Vs.

1. *State of Manipur represented by Commissioner(Home), Government of Manipur, Manipur Secretariat Complex, Mantripukhri, PO & PS Heingang, Imphal East District, Manipur-795002.*
2. *Union of India through the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, Central Secretariat, New Delhi-110001.*
3. *The Director General of Police, Government of Manipur, Manipur Police Head Quarter, Mantripukhri, PO & PS Heingang, Imphal East District, Manipur-795002.*
4. *The Superintendent of Police, Manipur Central Jail Sajiwa, Foreigner Detention Centre, PS Lamlong, Imphal East District, Manipur-795001.*
5. *The Officer-in-Charge, Moreh Police Station at Moreh, PO & PS Moreh, Tengnoupal District, Manipur-795131.*

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)

10.02.2026.

[1] Captioned 'Writ Petition' ('WP' for the sake of brevity) has been filed inter alia with a Habeas Corpus prayer.

[2] Factual matrix in a nutshell is that writ petitioner was arrested on 27.01.2023; that an FIR being FIR 04(01)2023 on the file of Moreh Police Station in Moreh Sub-Division, Tengnoupal District, Manipur was registered; that vide this FIR, it was alleged that writ petitioner has violated Section 14 of 'the Foreigner Act 1946 (31 of 1946)' (hereinafter 'said Act' for the sake of brevity, convenience and clarity) i.e., illegal entry and staying in Indian territory; that it is admitted case of writ petitioner that he is a citizen of Myanmar; post FIR, writ petitioner was produced before the jurisdictional Magistrate Court i.e. 'Court of Judicial Magistrate First Class, Moreh' ('said Magistrate Court' for the sake of convenience and clarity); that said Magistrate court, on the same day i.e., 27.01.2023 made a warrant for interim custody; that thereafter, writ petitioner appears to have sought bail (to be noted neither the bail petition nor the bail order have been placed before us); that a release order has been made by said Magistrate Court and this release order is dated 02.05.2023; that this release order has also been assailed by writ petitioner (in addition to Habeas Corpus plea) in the captioned WP; that the release order imposes conditions of two sureties to be furnished besides personal bond of Rs. 50,000/-; that post release order, admittedly writ petitioner has not been able to comply with the bail conditions of furnishing two sureties and therefore continues to remain incarcerated in the Foreign detention Centre situate in Manipur Central Jail Sajiwa; that thereafter the Special Secretary(Home), Government of Manipur made an order dated 12.01.2026 bearing reference No.H-1701/282/2023-HD-HD repatriating 3(three) individuals by exercising power under Section 11(1); that on the same day i.e.12.01.2026, the Special Secretary(Home) made another repatriation order bearing reference No.H-802/11/2025-HD-HD repatriating 24 other individuals; that thereafter writ petitioner and 8(eight) others (9 in all) have sent a representation dated 04.02.2026 to R1,R3 and R4 and also the Superintendent of Police Saijiwa Jail Imphal inter-alia seeking deportation/repatriation to Myanmar and some other requests such as return of personal mobile phone have also been made in this representation.

[3] Mr. Tungrei Ngakang, learned counsel for writ petitioner submitted that writ petitioner is languishing in the Detention Centre for more than 3(three) years now i.e., from 27.01.2023 and therefore, Habeas Corpus plea has been made. As regards the Habeas Corpus plea, it is made clear that writ petitioner continues to be in Detention Centre only owing to non-compliance with the condition in the bail order/release order i.e., condition to furnish sureties. This means that this not a case of illegal detention. Therefore, a Habeas Corpus plea will not lie. Be that as it may, if writ petitioner is aggrieved by conditions imposed for release vide the release order, it is always open to the writ petitioner to seek appropriate remedy in the appropriate

court inter alia seeking modification/deletion of the conditions for release. This right of the writ petitioner is preserved but the Habeas Corpus plea is rejected.

[4] This takes this Court to the representation i.e., representation dated 04.02.2026 made by writ petitioner and 8 others (9 in all) about which there is allusion supra. This representation shall be referred to as 'said representation' for the sake of convenience.

[5] At the outset, we notice that said representation is dated 04.02.2026, it has been received by the office of DGP (Director General of Police) P.H.Q, Manipur Imphal on same day i.e., 04.02.2026 and the captioned writ petition has been filed on 09.02.2026. However, considering the nature of the matter we are looking into said representation.

[6] Adverting to said representation, learned counsel for writ petitioner submitted that similarly placed persons i.e., 27(twenty seven) in all have been repatriated by two repatriation orders, both dated 12.01.2026 (details of which have been set out supra) but writ petitioner has not been given such benefit of repatriation and this according to learned counsel for writ petitioner is lack of parity.

[7] Issue notice to respondents.

[8] Mr. Vashum, learned State counsel accepts notice for R 1,3, 4 & 5. Mr. N. Nongdamba, learned counsel accepts notice for R2 and Mr. Kh. Samarjit, learned Deputy Solicitor General of India(DSGI) and senior counsel appears on behalf of Mr. N. Nongdamba,.

[9] Though in the admission Board, with the consent of all the aforesaid learned counsel and senior counsel, main WP was taken up on the short point pertaining to said representation.

[10] As regards said representation, Mr. Vashum, learned State counsel pointed out that said representation is dated 04.02.2026 and it has been received on the same day, there have been only two working days thereafter and at the highest barely 4(four) days thereafter as the captioned WP has been filed yesterday (09.02.2026). Learned State counsel submitted that the representation can be examined on merits by R1 {State of Manipur represented by Commissioner(Home), Government of Manipur, Manipur Secretariat Complex, Mantripukhri, PO & PS Heingang, Imphal East District, Manipur-794002}

[11] As regards R2, learned DSGI and learned senior counsel very fairly submitted that in the light of the trajectory the matter has taken, there is no role for Respondent No.2 at this juncture.

[12] To be noted, one of the prayers i.e., the second limb of the prayer vide (b) of the prayer paragraph writ petitioner has made a prayer to quash the 02.05.2022 release order. If the release order is quashed writ petitioner will remain incarcerated. We accept the fervent plea of learned counsel for writ petitioner that this may be treated as quashing the conditions in the release order i.e., the condition to produce sureties. We take this liberal view considering the nature of the matter but with a caveat that other matters will be dealt with on a case to case basis.

[13] Before concluding, it is necessary to write that 'R1' is an abbreviation denoting 'first respondent' and similar abbreviations have been used with regard to other respondents also.

[14] In the light of the narrative, discussion and dispositive reasoning set out thus far, the following order is made:

(i) the Habeas Corpus plea is rejected as it is not a case of illegal detention;

(ii) plea to quash the release order dated 02.05.2023 is not acceded to but the rights of writ petitioner to seek modification/deletion of the conditions for release in the appropriate court under appropriate provision of law is preserved. If such a course is adopted by writ petitioner, the court concerned shall consider the matter on its own merits and in accordance with law untrammeled by instant order;

(iii) other prayers pertaining to declaration that the detention is illegal, release on personal bond and direction to respondent to issue temporary stay permission are rejected.

[15] As regards said representation i.e., representation dated 04.02.2026, a scanned reproduction of the same is as follows:



1. The Commissioner (Home), Government of Manipur, Manipur Secretariat Complex, Mantripukhri, P.O. & P.S. Hengang, Imphal East District, Manipur – 795002.
2. The Director General of Police, Government of Manipur, Manipur Police Headquarters, Mantripukhri, P.O. & P.S. Heingang, Imphal East District, Manipur – 795002.
3. The Superintendent of Police, Tengnoupal District, P.O. & P.S. Tengnoupal, Manipur – 795131.
4. The Superintendent of Police, Sajiwa Jail, Imphal

OFFICE OF THE DGP P.H.Q. Manipur, Imphal. Receipt No. ..... Date .....

Ref: FIR No. 04(01) 2023 U/S:14 of the Foreigners Act, 1946. WRP – PS

Subject: Humble representation for early deportation by the undersigned Myanmar nationals detained at the Foreigners' Detention Centre, Sajiwa, Imphal.

Sir(s),

We, the undersigned Myanmar nationals, presently detained at the Foreigners' Detention Centre, Sajiwa, Imphal, most respectfully submit this representation seeking our early deportation to our native country, Myanmar, in connection with the above-mentioned FIR.

That we were arrested on 27-01-2023 at about 4:00 A.M. by the Moreh Police Station while entering India from Myanmar as daily wage labourers. The alleged place of arrest was at New Saibung Village and H. Lhangchum Village, situated about 7 kilometres south west of Moreh Police Station, under FIR No. 04(01) 2023 registered under Section 14 of the Foreigners Act, 1946.

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Commissioner (Home)
Government of Manipur

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That at the time of arrest, we were 81 (Eighty-One) persons, including women and minors. Subsequently, several similarly situated co-accused persons have already been deported to Myanmar. However, we continue to remain confined at the Foreigners' Detention Centre, Sajiwa, Imphal for the last three years, despite the fact that the Learned Judicial Magistrate First Class, Moreh, was pleased to pass an order of release on 22-11-2023.

That our continued incarceration is solely on the ground of non-furnishing of local surety, which is practically impossible for us as foreign nationals having no social or residential roots in India. As such, our detention has become indefinite, prolonged, and punitive in nature, though the offence alleged is regulatory and not heinous.

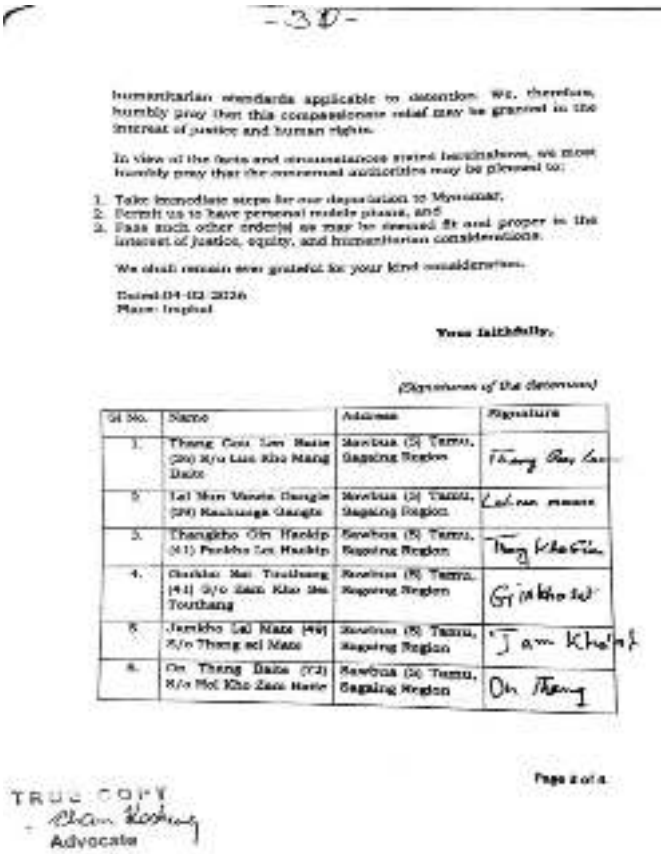
It is respectfully submitted that even foreigners are entitled to the protection of Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution of India, which guarantee equality before law and protection of life and personal liberty. Continued detention beyond a reasonable period, especially after the passing of a release order and without filing of a charge-sheet till date, amounts to arbitrary, unlawful, and unconstitutional deprivation of personal liberty.

That the object of the Foreigners Act is regulation and deportation, and not indefinite detention. Once further incarceration serves no penal or procedural purpose, the only lawful and just course available to the authorities is deportation, particularly when similarly placed co-accused persons have already been deported.

Further, it is most respectfully submitted that we may kindly be permitted to possess and use our personal mobile phones inside the Foreigners' Detention Centre, subject to such reasonable restrictions and regulations as the authorities may deem fit, solely for the purpose of communicating with our family members, friends, and legal counsel.

It is submitted that access to communication forms an integral part of the right to life and personal liberty under Article 21 of the Constitution of India, particularly for detainees who are foreign nationals and are completely cut off from their families and legal assistance. Denial of all means of communication causes severe mental distress, isolation, and hardship, and hampers our right to effective legal representation.

That permitting limited and regulated use of mobile phones would neither prejudice security nor the ongoing legal process, but would instead uphold human dignity, procedural fairness, and



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humanitarian standards applicable to detention. We, therefore, humbly pray that this compassionate relief may be granted in the interest of justice and human rights.

In view of the facts and circumstances stated hereinabove, we most humbly pray that the concerned authorities may be pleased to:

1. Take immediate steps for our deportation to Myanmar;
2. Permit us to have personal mobile phones; and
3. Pass such other order(s) as may be deemed fit and proper in the interest of justice, equity, and humanitarian considerations.

We shall remain ever grateful for your kind consideration.

Dated:04-02-2026
Place: Imphal

Yours faithfully,

(Signatures of the detainees)

Sl No.	Name	Address	Signature
1.	Thang Ceu Len Haole (29) S/o Lun Kho Mang Daite	Sawbua (5) Tamu, Sagaing Region	Thang Ceu Len
2.	Lal Mun Mawia Ganglte (29) Haokunga Ganglte	Sawbua (5) Tamu, Sagaing Region	Lal mun mawia
3.	Thangkho Gin Haokip (41) Paokho Lun Haokip	Sawbua (5) Tamu, Sagaing Region	Thang kho Gin
4.	Gunkho Mai Touthang (41) S/o Zam Kho Mai Touthang	Sawbua (5) Tamu, Sagaing Region	Gunkho Mai
5.	Jamkho Lal Mate (46) S/o Thang ai Mate	Sawbua (5) Tamu, Sagaing Region	Jam kho Lal
6.	On Thang Baite (72) S/o Mol Kho Zam Haole	Sawbua (5) Tamu, Sagaing Region	On Thang

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7.	Thang Ja Thang Haokip (46) S/o Thang Kho Mang Haokip	Sawbua (5) Tamu, Sagaing Region	Thang Ja Thang
8.	Lunkho Thang Baite (46) S/o Zam Lhun Baite.	Sawbua (5) Tamu, Sagaing Region	Lun kho Thang
9.	Jang Len Pao Baite (24) S/o NgemTong Baite	Sawbua (5) Tamu, Sagaing Region	Jang

[16] To be noted, writ petitioner is serial No.8 in the tabulation part of said representation. R1 is directed to consider the aforesaid representation on its own merits and in accordance with law, particularly with reference to the point that similarly placed persons have been repatriated/deported and make a speaking order. We make it clear that this exercise shall be done by R1 by considering the said representation on its own merits and in accordance with law. A speaking order shall be made as expeditiously as possible but in any event within 6(six) weeks from today i.e., on or before 24.03.2026.

[17] The speaking order thus made in the aforesaid manner shall be duly served on writ petitioner under due acknowledgement within one week from the date of making of the order and in any event, the outer limit will be 31.03.2026. It is made clear that if the

writ petitioner is aggrieved by the aforesaid speaking order, all the rights and contentions of writ petitioner are preserved to assail the same in a manner known to law.

[18] Captioned WP is disposed of in the aforesaid manner. There shall be no order as to costs.

JUDGE ***CHIEF JUSTICE***

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All learned counsel on both sides agree that a similar order can be made.

[8] Before we do that, for the sake of clarity and specificity, we deem it appropriate to write that in respect of W.P. (Crl.) No. 4 of 2026 (Lalnunmawia Gangte) the date of release order made by said JM is 10.05.2024 and with regard to the other three writ petitioners in W.P. (Crl.) No. 5 of 2026 (Lunkhothang Baite @ Lhunkhothang baite), W.P. (Crl.) No. 6 of 2026 (Jamkholal Mate) and W.P. (Crl.) No. 7 of 2026 (Janglenpao Baite), date of release order is 02.05.2023.

[9] As regards one of the captioned writ petitions, namely, W.P. (Crl.) No. 5 of 2026 (Lunkhothang Baite @ Lhunkhothang Baite -writ petitioner) he is the writ petitioner in afore referred earlier W.P. (Crl.) No. 3 of 2026. Mr. Tungrei Ngakang, learned counsel for petitioners, submits that when the earlier writ petition, W.P. (Crl.) No. 3 of 2026 was moved, he did not have adequate instructions regarding conditions of bail particularly sureties and therefore he erroneously stated that sureties have not been furnished but it now comes to light that sureties have been furnished and it is after furnishing of sureties that the release order has been made by learned said JM on 02.05.2023. Therefore, as regards one of the captioned writ petitions, namely, W.P. (Crl.) No. 5 of 2026, we treat the same as a review plea (with consent of all afore-referred counsel) by exercising our inherent constitutional powers. To be noted, considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the nature of the matter, the manner in which writ petitioners are circumstanced as also the fair stand of learned counsel for writ petitioners, we resort to treating W.P. (Crl.) No. 5 of 2026 as a review as a one oft matter making it clear that this will not serve as a precedent in all and every case to follow. Therefore,

the sequitur is, instant order will govern W.P. (Crl.) No. 5 of 2026 in place of order dated 10.02.2026 made in W.P. (Crl.) No. 3 of 2026 which now stands reviewed and rercalled. In the light of the common/joint submission made in unison by both sides that a similar order as in W.P. (Crl.) No. 3 of 2026 (earlier order dated 10.02.2026) can be made, we proceed to make the following order:

- ***(a)*** *we direct the Commissioner (Home) Government of Manipur, Manipur Secretariat Complex, Mantripukhri, PO &. PS Heingang Imphal East District Manipur 795002 to dispose of the afore-referred representation (said representation) dated 24.02.2026 (scanned and reproduced elsewhere supra in instant order), as expeditiously as the official business of the officer would permit but in any event within three weeks from today, i.e., on or before 01.04.2026;*
- ***(b)*** *we direct the afore-referred Commissioner (Home) (to be noted, 'Commissioner (Home)' is representing 'State' and has been described as 'R-2' in the captioned WPs) to consider the said representation on its own merit and in accordance with law particularly with reference to the point that similarly placed persons have been repatriated/deported by exercising powers under Section 11(1) of said Act;*
- ***(c)*** *we direct R-2 to make a speaking order;*
- ***(d)*** *we make it clear that afore-referred exercise shall be done by R-2 by considering the said representation on its own merits and in accordance with law as already alluded to supra;*
- ***(e)*** *the speaking order made by R-2 in the aforesaid manner shall be duly served on each of the writ petitioners under due acknowledgment within one week from the date of making of the order and in any event on or before 08.04.2026.*

[10] Before concluding, this Court makes it clear that if writ petitioners, any one of the writ petitioners or some of the writ petitioners are either not satisfied or aggrieved by the speaking order/s to be made by R-2 in the aforesaid manner, it is open to writ petitioner/s to assail the same in a manner known to law and if such a scenario unfurls the challenge will be considered on its own merits and in accordance with law;

[11] Captioned WPs are disposed of in the aforesaid manner. There shall be no order as to costs.

[4] Issue notice to respondents.

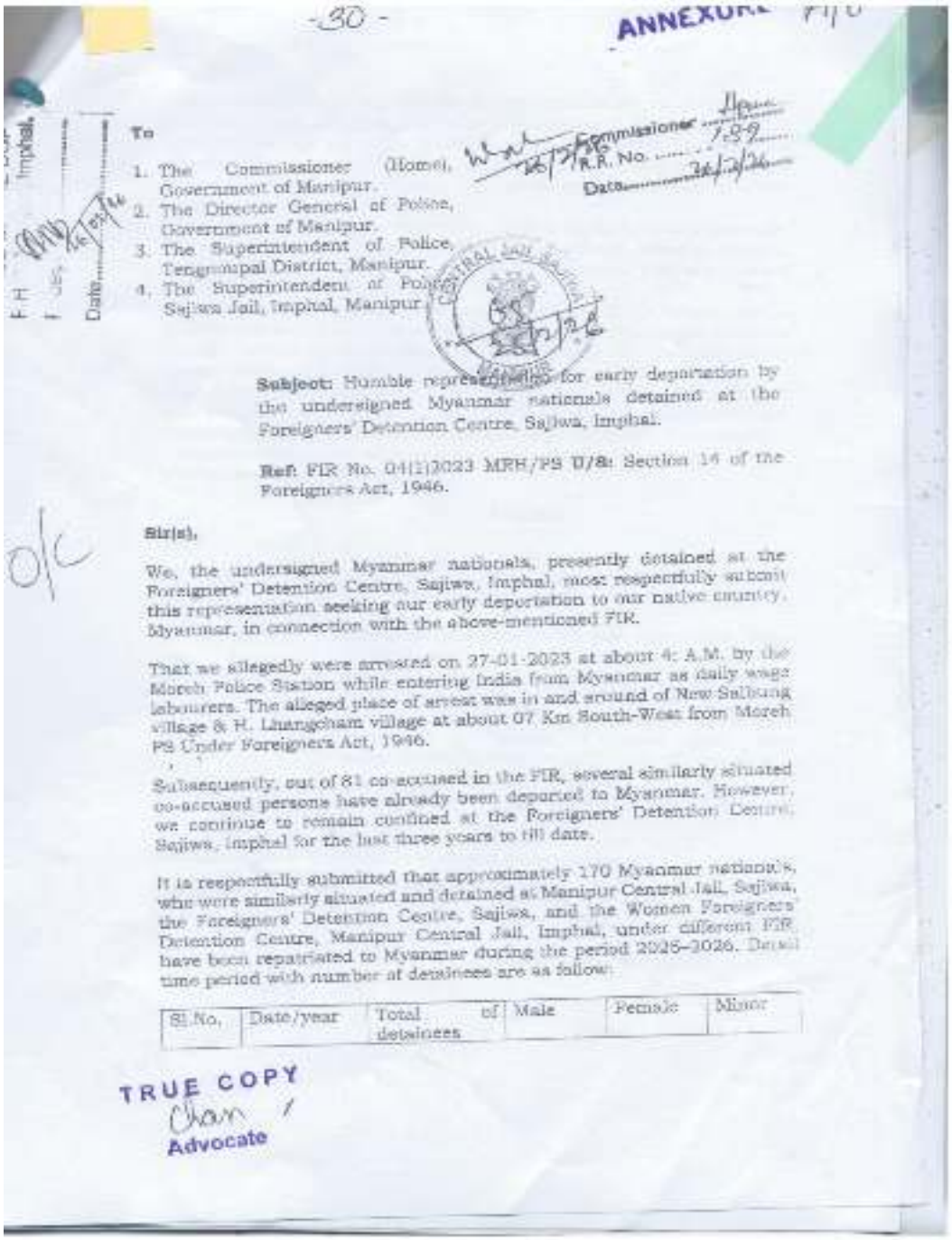
[5] Mr. Soraisham Chittaranjan, learned Addl. Advocate General for Manipur along with Mr. A. Priyokumar Sharma, learned State counsel accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos. 1, 3 to 6, N. Nongdamba, learned counsel accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.2 and senior advocate and learned Deputy Solicitor General of India (DSGI) Mr. Kh. Samarjit appears on his behalf.

[6] Considering the limited scope of the captioned WPs, all the afore-referred counsel on both sides agreed to have main WPs taken up and disposed of without affidavits-in-opposition.

[7] Learned Addl. Advocate General, Mr. Soraisham Chittaranjan and learned DSGI, Mr. Kh. Samarjit very fairly submitted that an order akin to afore-referred judgment/order dated 11.03.2026 in WP(Cril.)Nos. 4 to 7 of 2026 can be made in the instant cases also. This makes the legal drill at hand *qua* disposal of captioned 5(five) WPs fairly simple.

[8] Learned counsel for writ petitioners submits that in the cases at hand, the 5 (five) writ petitioners along with 4(four) others (9 in all) have sent a common representation dated 24.02.2026. The copy of this representation placed before this Court brings to light that this '24.02.2026 common representation' ('said representation' for the sake of convenience and brevity) has been received by respondent No.3 on 26.02.2026 itself and captioned WPs have been presented in this Court on 07.05.2026.

[9] A scanned reproduction of said representation dated 24.02.2026 is as follows:



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ANNEXURE P1/C

To

1. The Commissioner (Home), Government of Manipur.
2. The Director General of Police, Government of Manipur.
3. The Superintendent of Police, Tengnoupal District, Manipur.
4. The Superintendent of Police, Sajiwa Jail, Imphal, Manipur.

Commissioner (Home)
R.R. No. 1-39
Date 24/2/26

Subject: Humble representation for early deportation by the undersigned Myanmar nationals detained at the Foreigners' Detention Centre, Sajiwa, Imphal.

Ref: FIR No. 04(1)2023 MRH/PS U/S: Section 14 of the Foreigners Act, 1946.

Sir(s),

We, the undersigned Myanmar nationals, presently detained at the Foreigners' Detention Centre, Sajiwa, Imphal, most respectfully submit this representation seeking our early deportation to our native country, Myanmar, in connection with the above-mentioned FIR.

That we allegedly were arrested on 27-01-2023 at about 4: A.M. by the Moreh Police Station while entering India from Myanmar as daily wage labourers. The alleged place of arrest was in and around of New Saibung village & H. Lhangcham village at about 07 Km South-West from Moreh PS Under Foreigners Act, 1946.

Subsequently, out of 81 co-accused in the FIR, several similarly situated co-accused persons have already been deported to Myanmar. However, we continue to remain confined at the Foreigners' Detention Centre, Sajiwa, Imphal for the last three years to till date.

It is respectfully submitted that approximately 170 Myanmar nationals, who were similarly situated and detained at Manipur Central Jail, Sajiwa, the Foreigners' Detention Centre, Sajiwa, and the Women Foreigners' Detention Centre, Manipur Central Jail, Imphal, under different FIR have been repatriated to Myanmar during the period 2025–2026. Detail time period with number of detainees are as follow:

Sl.No.	Date/year	Total of detainees	Male	Female	Minor

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6. That it is respectfully submitted that foreign nationals are also entitled to the protection of Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution of India, guaranteeing equality before law and protection of life and personal liberty. Our continued detention for an indefinite period, despite grant of bail and deportation of similarly placed co-accused, is arbitrary, discriminatory, and unconstitutional.
7. That the object of the Foreigners Act, 1946 is regulation and deportation, and not indefinite detention. Once further incarceration serves no penal or procedural purpose, deportation remains the only lawful, just, and humane course available to the authorities.
8. That we further most respectfully pray that we may kindly be permitted to possess and use our personal mobile phones inside the Foreigners' Detention Centre, subject to reasonable restrictions, solely for the purpose of communicating with our family members, friends, and legal counsel.
9. That access to communication is an integral facet of the right to life and personal liberty under Article 21, especially for foreign detainees who remain completely cut off from their families and legal assistance. Total denial of communication causes extreme mental distress and hampers our right to effective legal representation.

PRAYER

In view of the facts and circumstances stated hereinabove, we most humbly pray that the concerned authorities may graciously be pleased to:

1. Take immediate steps for our deportation/repatriation to Myanmar;
2. Permit us to possess and use personal mobile phones, subject to reasonable restrictions; and
3. Pass such other order(s) as may be deemed fit and proper in the interest of justice, equity, and humanitarian considerations.

And for this act of kindness, we shall remain ever grateful.

We shall remain ever grateful for your kind consideration.

Dated: 24-02-2026
Place: Imphal

Your faithfully,

Signatures of the detainees

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2.	5-1-2025	27	All male		
3.	March 2025	27		21	6
4.	May 2025	3	All male		
5.	May 2025	39 all (women and children)			
6.	4-02-2026	27	24	1	2

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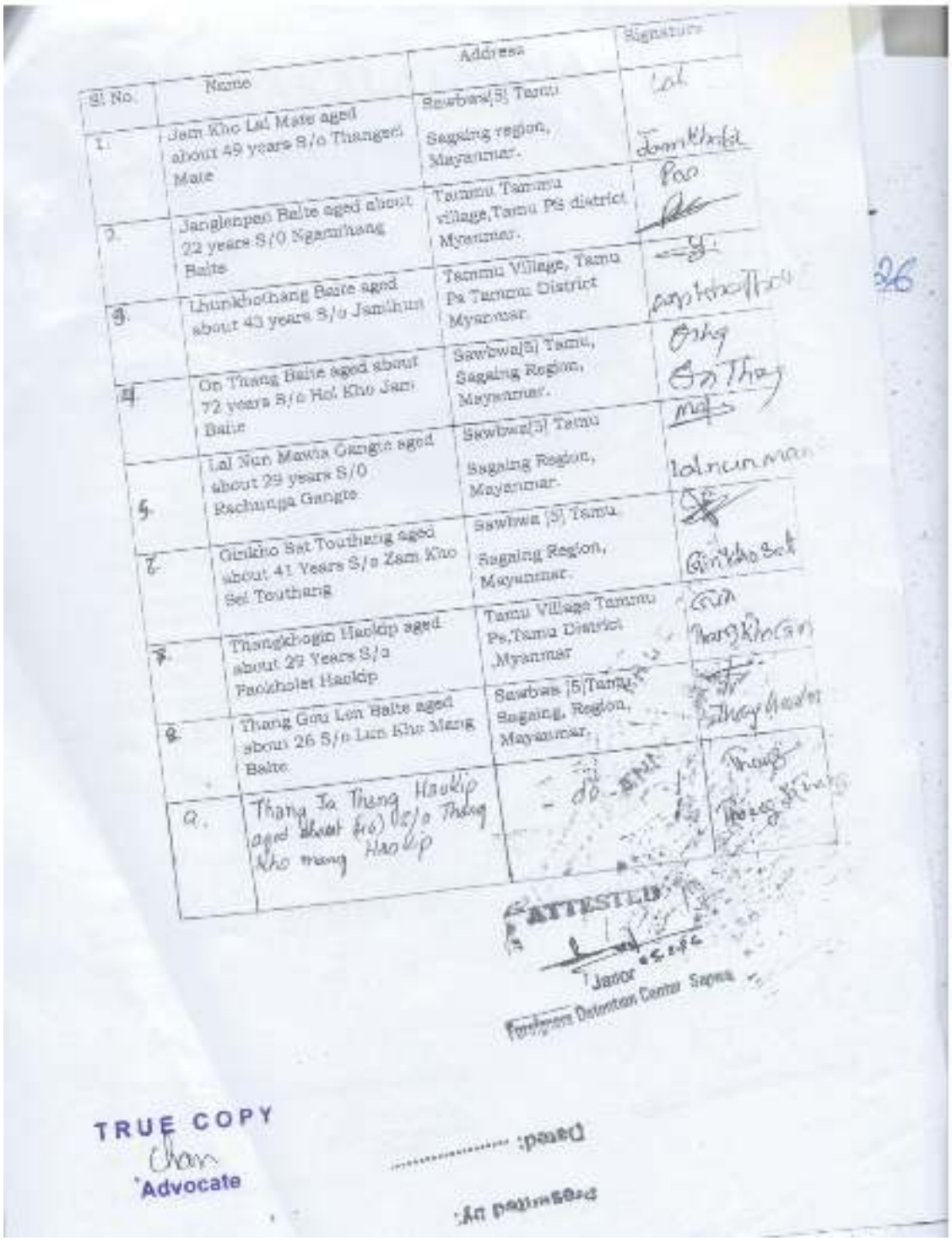
Among the detainees repatriated vide order dated 12-01-2026, some persons who are similarly situated and were booked under the same FIR as the petitioner are as follows:

1. Tongmang Haokip 55 years, S/o Kun Ngam Haokip, (Sl No. 2) without bail.
2. Thanglun Haokip aged about 70 years S/o Reng Tun Haokip (SL No. 5) without bail.
3. Keeshing aged about 51 years S/o Thung Kee (Sl. No. 15) without bail.
4. Benjamin Mate aged about 33 years S/o Ngam Kho Sei Mate (Sl No. 4) without bail.
5. Lhunkhomang Baite 56 years S/o Konja Thaung Baite (Sl No. 12) without bail.
6. Songoumang Touthang 21 years S/o Jamlet Touthang (Sl No. 54) without bail.
7. Jamkholet Touthang 45 years S/o Henkhoson Touthang (Sl No. 57) with bail.
8. Lhunkholet Baite 26 years S/o Thongpao Baite (Sl No. 9) without bail.
9. Henkhal Touthang 57 years S/o Late Haokhojam (Sl No. 68) without bail and 5 others.

True copies of the latest repatriation order dated 12-01-2026 are enclosed herewith and marked as *Annexure-A/2*.

4. That after fulfilling all the terms and conditions imposed by the Court, the Hon'ble Judicial Magistrate First Class, Moreh, was pleased to grant bail to all the undersigned and accordingly issued release orders dated 02-05-2023, 02-11-2023, 22-11-2023, and 10-05-2024. However, despite the existence of valid bail and release orders, we continue to remain confined in the Foreigners' Detention Centre till date.
5. That earlier, due to a bona fide mistake, we submitted a representation dated 04-02-2026, stating that our continued detention was on account of non-furnishing of local surety. Subsequently, we came to know that we had already furnished the required sureties and executed personal bail bonds before the Hon'ble Court. Hence, we hereby withdraw the earlier representation, and pray that the present representation be treated as the correct and final representation.

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Sl. No.	Name	Address	Signature
1.	Jam Kho Lal Mate aged about 49 years S/o Thangen Mate	Sawbwa[5] Tamu Sagaing region, Mayanmar.	Lal
2.	Janglenpen Baite aged about 22 years S/O Ngamhang Baite	Tammu Tammu village,Tamu Ps district Myanmar.	Pau
3.	Lhunkhothang Baite aged about 43 years S/o Jamlhun	Tammu Village, Tamu Ps Tammu District Myanmar.	
4.	On Thang Baite aged about 72 years S/o Hol Kho Jam Baite	Sawbwa[5] Tamu, Sagaing Region, Mayanmar.	On Thang
5.	Lal Nun Mawia Gangte aged about 29 years S/O Rachunga Gangte	Sawbwa[5] Tamu Sagaing Region, Mayanmar.	
6.	Ginkho Sat Touthang aged about 41 Years S/o Zam Kho Sat Touthang	Sawbwa [5] Tamu Sagaing Region, Mayanmar.	Ginkho Sat
7.	Thangkhogin Haokip aged about 29 Years S/o Paokholet Haokip	Tamu Village Tammu Ps,Tamu District Myanmar	
8.	Thang Gou Lun Baite aged about 26 S/o Lun Kho Mang Baite	Sawbwa [5]Tamu Sagaing, Region, Mayanmar.	Thang Gou
9.	Thang Za Thang Haokip aged about 6(6) S/o Thang Kho mang Haokip	- do -	Thang

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Jailor
Foreigners Detention Centre Sapra

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Advocate

Dated .....

Signature of Detenue

[10] In the light of the narrative thus far, we make a similar judgement/order i.e., a judgment/order akin to common order dated 11.03.2026 made in WP(Cril.) Nos. 4 to 7 of 2026 and give the following directions:

(a) we direct the Commissioner (Home) Government of Manipur, Manipur Secretariat Complex, Mantripukhri, PO &. PS Heingang Imphal East District Manipur 795002 to dispose of the afore-referred representation (said representation) dated 24.02.2026 (scanned and reproduced elsewhere *supra* in instant order), as expeditiously as the official business of the officer would permit but in any event within four weeks from today, i.e., on or before 05.06.2026;

(b) we direct the afore-referred Commissioner (Home) {to be noted, 'Commissioner (Home)' is representing 'State' and has been described as 'R-3' in the captioned WPs} to consider the said representation on its own merits and in accordance with law particularly with reference to the point raised by writ petitioners' counsel, i.e., that similarly placed persons have been repatriated/deported by exercising powers under Section 11(1) of the Foreigners Act 1946 (31 of 1946);

(c) we direct R-3 to make a speaking order *qua* disposal of said representation;

(d) we make it clear that afore-referred exercise shall be done by R-3 by considering the said representation on its own merits and

in accordance with law albeit with reference to point raised about which there is allusion supra in previous directive as already alluded to *supra*;

(e) the speaking order made by R-3 in the aforesaid manner shall be duly served on each of the writ petitioners under due acknowledgment within one week from the date of making of the order and in any event on or before 12.06.2026.

[11] Before concluding, this Court makes it clear that if writ petitioners, any one of the writ petitioners or some of the writ petitioners are either not satisfied or aggrieved by the speaking order/s to be made by R-3 in the aforesaid manner, it is open to writ petitioner/s to assail the same in a manner known to law and if such a scenario unfurls such challenge will be considered on its own merits and in accordance with law;

[12] Captioned WPs are disposed of in the aforesaid manner inter-alia with afore-referred directions. There shall be no order as to costs.

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