



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

PIL No. 15 of 2026

Shri Ashang Kasar, aged about 50 years S/O Athing Kasar of
Maching Village, Lamlongei, P.O. Mantripukhri & P.S. Heingang,
Imphal East District, Manipur – 795002.

.... Petitioner

- Versus -

1. Union of India, through the Home Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, Central Secretariat, North Block, New Delhi – 110001.
2. The Secretary, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH), Room No. 509, Transport Bhawan 1 Parliament Street New Delhi – 110001.
3. The Director, Central Bureau of Investigation, Plot No. 5-B, 6th Flor, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi – 110003.
4. The State of Manipur, through the Chief Secretary, Government of Manipur, Manipur Secretariat, South Block, P.O. & P.S. Imphal, Imphal West District, Manipur – 795002.
5. The Commissioner (Home), Government of Manipur, Manipur Secretariat, South Bock, P.O. & P.S. Imphal, Imphal West District, Manipur – 795002.
6. The General Officer Commanding, 57th Mountain Division, Leimakhong, Kangpokpi District, Manipur – 795002.
7. The Executive Director NHIDCL, Regional Office Manipur, Officers' Club, Lamphelpat, P.O. & P.S. Lamphel, Imphal West District, Manipur – 795004.



8. The Deputy Commissioner, Ukhrul District, P.O. & P.S.
Ukhrul, Ukhrul District, Manipur – 795142.

.... Respondents

B E F O R E
HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. M. SUNDAR
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A. BIMOL SINGH

O R D E R
[Order of the Court was made by M. Sundar, CJ]

27.08.2026

[1] Captioned PiL (Public Interest Litigation) pertains to free-flow of traffic (people and materials) i.e., uninterrupted movement *inter-alia qua* NH-202 (to be noted, NH denotes National Highway). There are other ancillary and collateral prayers including prayers for transfer of FIRs (First Information Reports) pertaining to alleged of NH-202 to NIA (National Investigation Agency).

[2] When the matter was taken up, it was noticed that Hon'ble Supreme Court is seized of the issue *inter-alia vide* writ petition being Writ Petition (S) (Civil) No(s). 961 of 2026 and scanned reproduction of the proceedings/order made by Hon'ble Supreme Court in the listing on 14.08.2026 is as follows:



ITEM NO.17

COURT NO.1

SECTION PIL-W

SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Writ Petition(s)(Civil) No(s).961/2026

KUKI WOMEN ORGANIZATION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS,
A WING OF KUKI ORGANIZATION OF HUMAN
RIGHTS TRUST (KOHUR) & ANR.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MANIPUR & ANR.

Respondent(s)

IA No. 226844/2026 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS

Date : 14-08-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JOYMALYA BAGCHI
HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE V. MOHANAFor Petitioner(s) : Mr. Anand Grover, Sr. Adv.
Mr. Ajay Kumar, Adv.
Ms. Sakshi Sinhanian, Adv.
Mr. Purushottam Sharma Tripathi, AORFor Respondent(s) :
for impleader Mr. Junior Ngangom, Sr. Adv.
Mr. Henry Ahanthem, Adv.
Mr. Wanglen Ngangom, Adv.
Ms. Divya Roy, AORUPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

1. The issue that has been raised in larger public interest concerns the removal of blockades on National Highway No. 2 and restoration of the supply of essential commodities in Kangpokpi District, Manipur.

2. During the course of hearing, Shri Anand Grover, learned Senior Counsel representing the Petitioner, points out that there are a few other National Highways that have also, reportedly, been blocked in the State of Manipur, and the petitioner-organization,

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in coordination with other social organizations, seeks restoration of the functionality of all such National Highways.

3. The International Meitei Organization has also filed an application (I.A. No.243484/2026) for its impleadment in these proceedings.

4. On oral mentioning, we take that application on record. The same is allowed and the applicant-International Meitei Organization is impleaded as a party respondent.

5. The newly-impleaded respondent, instead of filing a counter-affidavit, shall file the details of the other National Highways/State Highways that are blocked, along with a proposal regarding how all such highways can be made functional again. The petitioner-organization will also submit a comprehensive proposal in that regard.

6. Given that the National Highways are maintained by the National Highways Authority of India, we deem it appropriate to implead that Authority as a party respondent. Ordered accordingly.

7. Memo of parties be amended accordingly.

8. Issue notice, returnable on 28.09.2026.

(ARJUN BISHT)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(NIKITA SINGH)
COURT MASTER (NSH)

[3] Be that as it may, in an earlier batch of matters being PIL No. 27 of 2025 etc., this Court in and *vide* final order dated 10.06.2026 (final order after hearing of all parties) gave a closure to the PiLs on the ground that



Hon'ble Supreme Court is seized of the matter and a 3 (three) member Hon'ble Committee constituted by a judicial order made by Hon'ble Supreme Court is examining the matter. This Court, instead of burdening instant order with the entire 10.06.2026 final order in PIL No. 27 of 2025 etc., deems it appropriate to extract and reproduce paragraph Nos. 6, 8 to 10 thereat which read as follows:

'6. In the hearing, today, learned AG for the State of Manipur, adverting to proceedings made in the previous listing on 22.05.2026, more particularly paragraphs 6 & 7 thereat, placed before us inter-alia report No. 28 filed in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India by a 3 (three) member Hon'ble Committee constituted by a judicial order made by Hon'ble Supreme Court. To be noted, this report No. 28, we are informed, has been filed in Hon'ble Supreme Court by the 3 (three) members Committee (constituted by a judicial order of Hon'ble Supreme Court) in SLP Civil Diary No(s). 19206 of 2023. A careful perusal of the report brings to light that free flow of people and material across the State through various National and State Highways is also an issue in SLP Civil Diary No(s). 19206 of 2023 and Hon'ble Supreme Court is seized of the matter.

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8. Afore-referred order speaks for itself and therefore, it will suffice to write that the scenario before this Division Bench/this Court is the same as regards airfares/air routes. However, in this Court the learned senior counsel/learned counsel for PIL petitioners have fairly submitted that they would approach Hon'ble Supreme Court and make a plea to join the afore-referred ongoing proceedings. Therefore, inter-alia as matter of judicial discipline in the hierarchy of courts we deem it appropriate to give a closure to the captioned cluster of matters.

9. In the light of the narration thus far (supra), captioned cluster of matters i.e. 3 (three) main PILs and 4 (four) MCs thereat are disposed of as closed (obviously without expressing any view or opinion one way or the other). To be noted, the sealed envelopes which learned AG for the State of Manipur placed before this Court (inter-alia containing afore-referred



report No. 28) has been resealed and returned to learned AG in Court.

10. Ergo, the sequitur is, captioned 3(three) PiLs and 4(four) MCs thereat are disposed of as closed. There shall be no order as to costs.'

[4] Faced with the above situation, Mr. Tungrei Ngakang, learned counsel on record for PiL petitioner sought leave of this Court to withdraw captioned PiL and submitted that PiL petitioner would approach Hon'ble Supreme Court either by way of a separate petition/s or by way of implead petition/s if so advised and so desired, saying so learned counsel on record for PiL petitioner has made an endorsement in the case file and scanned reproduction of the same is as follows:

Noting by office or Advocate	Serial No.	Date	Office notes, reports, orders or proceedings with Signature
1.	2.	3.	4.
May be join High Court Tungrei Ngakang Advocate 27-08-2026	15	25 08 2026	Presented before the Joint Registrar (Judl. & Bench) on 25.08.2026 at 1:40 P.M. Registrar (Judl.) High Court of Manipur Imphal (Manipur)

[5] Apropos, sequitur is, captioned PiL is disposed of as closed.
There shall be no order as to costs.

JUDGE

CHIEF JUSTICE

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