

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

PIL No.27 of 2025

Ms. Thokchom Sujata Devi, aged about 45 years, D/o Thokchom Nongyai Singh, a resident of Singjamei Mathak Thokchom Leikai, P.O. Imphal, P.S. Singjamei, Imphal West District, Manipur-795001.

... Petitioner

- Versus -

1. The Union of India, through the Home Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, Central Secretariat, North Block, New Delhi-110001.
2. The Defence Secretary, Ministry of Defence, Government of India, Central Secretariat, South Block, New Delhi-110001.
3. The General Officer Commanding, 57th Mountain Division, Leimakhong, Manipur.
4. The Inspector General Assam Rifles (South), Mantripukhri, Imphal East District, Manipur.
5. The State of Manipur, through the Chief Secretary, Government of Manipur, Manipur Secretariat South Block, P.O. & PS Imphal, Imphal West District, Manipur.
6. The Director General of Police, Manipur, PO & PS Imphal, Imphal West District, Manipur.

... Respondents

***With
MC(PIL) No.20 of 2025***

1. Kangleipak Kanba Lup (KKL), Keishampat Paona Keithel represented by its Organization Secretary namely Sougrakpam Sushilkumar Singh, aged about 47 years S/O Sougrakpam Ibomcha Singh

of Singjamei Sougrakpam Leikai, PO & P.S. –Singjamei, District-Imphal West, Manipur

2. Shri. Urikhimbam Manadeva Singh @ Luwangcha U. Ngamkheingakpa, aged about 38 years, S/o U. Mani Singh of Wangkhei Konsam Leikai, PO & P.S.-Porompat, District-Imphal East, Manipur, Secretary, Secretary General of the Kangleipak Kanba Lup (KKL)

.... Applicants/Petitioners

- Versus -

1. The Union of India represented by the Secretary (Home), Government of India, Room No.104, North Block, Central Secretariat, New Delhi-110001.
2. The Secretary to the Ministry of Aviation, Government of India, Udyog Bhawan, Dr. Maulana Azad Road, New Delhi-110011.
3. The State of Manipur represented by the Chief Secretary, Govt. of Manipur and its office at Secretariat Building, Babupara, P.O. & P.S. Imphal, Imphal West District, Manipur-795001.
4. The Commissioner/Addl. Chief Secretary/Special Secretary (Home), Govt. of Manipur and its Office at Secretariat Complex, Babupara, District-Imphal West, Manipur.
5. The Security Advisor to the Government of Manipur namely Kuldiep Singh and its Office at CM Secretariat, Babupara, PO & PS – Imphal, District-Imphal West, Manipur.
6. The Director General of Police (DGP), Govt. of Manipur and its Office at Babupara, PO & PS Imphal, Imphal West District, Manipur-795001.

...Official Respondents

7. Air India Limited represented by its CEO & Managing Director and its office at Air India, 309, NH-48, Block-A, Sector 30, Gurugram, Haryana-122001, India.

8. Inter Globe Aviation (IndiGo) represented by its managing Director and its office at Third Floor, Emmar Capital Tower 2, Mehrauli-Gurgaon Road, Gurugram, Haryana-1220022, India
9. Air India Express Limited represented by its Managing Director and its office at Block-4, Vatika One on One, Sector-16, NH-48, Industrial Estate, Gurugram, Haryana-122007, India.
10. The Airport Director, Airport Authority of India (AAI), Bir Tikendrajit International Airport, Tuliha, Manipur-795140.
11. The Chairman, Airport Authority of India (AAI), Rajiv Gandhi Bhawan, Safdarjung Airport, New Delhi-110003.
12. Alliance Air Aviation Limited, represented by its CEO, Alliance Bhawan, Domestic Terminal-1, I.G.I. Airport, New Delhi-110037.

...Private respondents

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MC(PIL)No.21 of 2024***

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....O.Ps./Private Respondents

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MC(PIL)No.37 of 2025***

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6. The Director General of Police, Manipur, PO & PS Imphal, Imphal West District, Manipur.

... Respondents

***With
MC(PIL)No.39 of 2025***

Union of India represented by the Secretary to Ministry of Road and Transport & Highways, Transport Bhawan-1, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001.

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12. The Airport Director, Airport Authority of India.
13. The Chairman, Airport Authority of India (AAI)
14. Alliance Air Aviation Limited.

... Performa Respondents

***With
PIL No. 22 of 2024***

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 - As per court's order dated 10.03.2025, respondent Nos. 10, 11 & 12 has been impleaded.
13. The Ministry of Road & Transport, Union of India, Transport Bhawan-1, Parliament Street, New Delhi-11001.
 - As per court's order dated 13/11/2025, respondent No.13 has been impleaded.

...Private respondents

***With
PIL No.9 of 2024***

Sapam Yaima Singh, aged about 60 years, S/o (L) (Late) S. Ningthemjao Singh, a resident of Singjamei Sapam Leikai, PO & PS Singjamei, Imphal West District, Manipur-795008.

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

JUDGMENT & ORDER
[Oral]

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

10.06.2026.

[1] The following abbreviations/short forms/short references are used in this order for the sake of brevity and convenience.

Sl. No	Abbreviation/Short form/short reference	Full Form/Expansion
1.	PiL	Public Interest Litigation
2.	PiLs	Public Interest Litigations
3.	MC	Miscellaneous Case
4	MCs	Miscellaneous Cases
5	CGSC	Central Government Standing Counsel
6.	DSGI	Deputy Solicitor General of India
7	NHAI	National Highways Authority of India
8	VC platform	Video Conferencing

[2] This common order will now govern captioned 3(three) main PILs and captioned 4(four) MCs thereat and give a closure to the same.

[3] This common order has to be read in conjunction with and in continuation of earlier proceedings made by this Court in the listings of captioned matters on 30.03.2026 and 22.05.2026 which read as follows:

'30.03.2026.

[1] In the captioned cluster of matters, there are 3(three) main 'Public Interest Litigations' ('PILs' in plural and 'PIL' in singular for the sake of convenience) and 4(four) 'Miscellaneous Cases' ('MCs' in plural and 'MC' in singular for the sake of convenience).

[2] To put it in a nutshell, all the captioned PILs put together pertain to free movement in two National Highways and one Asian Highway (NH-2, NH-37 and AH-1) and concessional air fares from Manipur (Bir Tikendrajit International Airport) to nearest convenient Airport i.e., Guwahati Airport (Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport).

[3] As regards PIL No.27 of 2025, the proceedings in the first listing on 30.10.2025 reads as follows:

'[1] Captioned main writ petition (WP) has been filed as a public interest litigation (PIL) with prayers inter alia to ensure free movement in National Highways (NH-2, NH-37 and AH-1).

[2] Mr. Keisham Chingkhei, learned counsel on record for PIL petitioner, led by Sr. Advocate, Mr. Khaidem Mani, is before this Court.

[3] Issue notice in the main WP and caption MC thereat.

[4] Mr. W. Darakeshwar, learned Sr. PCCG, accepts notice for respondent Nos. 1-4; and Mr. I.

Amri, learned counsel, accepts notice for respondent Nos. 5 & 6, Sr. Advocate and learned Dy. Advocate General, Mr. H. Debendra is also before this Court on behalf of Mr. I. Amri, learned counsel for respondent Nos. 5 & 6.

[5] Mr. I. Amri, learned counsel for State, requests for time to get instructions and revert to this Court.

[6] List on 17.11.2025.'

[4] Mr. Khaidem Mani, learned senior advocate, instructed by Mr. M. Rakesh, learned counsel on record for petitioner in PIL No.27 of 2025; Ms. N. Deepika, learned counsel for petitioner in PIL No.9 of 2024; Mr. I. Amri, learned counsel for State; Mr. Dayali Elangbam, learned counsel for respondent No.8 in PIL No.22 of 2024; Mr. Romendro Sharma, learned counsel for respondent No. 10 and 11 in PIL No. 22 of 2024 are before us in the physical Court. Mr. M. Chittaranjan, learned counsel for respondent Nos. 7 & 9 in PIL No.22 of 2024 is also present in the physical Court and Mr. Rajesh Ranjan, learned counsel along with Mr. Dhruv Dewan, learned counsel for respondent Nos. 7 and 8 in PIL No.22 of 2024 are before this Court on the Video Conferencing (VC) platform.

[5] Today, Mr. Boboy Potsangbam, learned Central Government Standing Counsel (C.G.S.C.) who is before us submits that captioned matter has now been entrusted to him and in place of Mr. W. Darakeshwar, learned Senior Panel Counsel for Central Government (Sr. PCCG) for respondent Nos. 1 to 4 in PIL No.27 of 2025, he would be appearing. This submission is recorded. Mr. Boboy Potsangbam, learned C.G.S.C. also submits that he has filed an affidavit-in-opposition for respondent No. 1 and the same can be treated as affidavit-in-opposition for respondent No. 2 also. As regards respondent No. 3 (The General Officer Commanding, 57th Mountain Division, Leimakhong, Manipur), Mr. Boboy Potsangbam, learned C.G.S.C. submits that he is yet to get instructions and after writing to respondent No.3, he will either

file affidavit-in-opposition or a memo of no instructions by next listing.

[6] *Mr. I. Amri, learned State counsel requests for time to file affidavit-in-opposition but Mr. Kh. Mani, learned senior counsel, instructed by Mr. M. Rakesh, learned counsel on record for PIL petitioner in PIL No.27 of 2025 submits that he is ready and also submits that the matter requires early attention.*

[7] *Mr. Dayali Elangbam, learned counsel on record for respondent No.8 in PIL No.22 of 2024 submits that he has filed an affidavit-in-opposition.*

[8] *However, as regards PIL No.22 of 2024, it is seen from the case file that Mr. Ajoy Pebam is the counsel on record for PIL petitioner but his name is not shown in the cause list today. To be noted, there is no representation for PIL petitioner in PIL No.22 of 2024.*

[9] *This Court, with the intention of giving opportunity to Mr. Ajoy Pebam, learned counsel for petitioner in PIL No.22 of 2024, directs the Registry to print the name of Mr. Ajoy Pebam, learned counsel along with co-counsel, if any, in the cause list in the next listing.*

[10] *Let State counsel for State of Manipur as well as Central Government do the needful by next listing and it is open to other respondents also to complete pleadings by next listing, if so desired.*

[11] *Mr. M. Rakesh, learned counsel for PIL petitioner in PIL No.27 of 2025 submits that he would examine the position regarding 'National Highways Authority of India' ('NHAI' for the sake of brevity) and the provisions under the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) and revert to this Court on obtaining legal position in the next listing.*

[12] *However, it is made clear that if pleadings are not complete by the next listing, it may become necessary to treat the next listing*

as peremptory and proceed with the matters on available records but this Court will take a call on the same in the next listing.

[13] List on 29.04.2026.'

22.05.2026

[1] Read this in conjunction with and in continuation of earlier proceedings made in the previous listing on 15.06.2026 which reads as follows :

'15.05.2026

[1] Read this in conjunction with and in continuation of earlier proceedings made in the previous listing on 29.04.2026.

[2] In the hearing today, Mr. Khaidem Mani, learned senior advocate, instructed by Mr. M. Rakesh, learned counsel on record for petitioner in PIL No.27 of 2025; Mr. Ajoy Pebam, learned counsel on record for petitioner in PIL No. 22 of 2024; Mr. A. Priyokumar, learned State Counsel appearing on behalf of Mr. S. Chittaranjan, learned Additional Advocate General, Manipur for respondent Nos. 5 and 6 in PIL No. 27 of 2025 and respondent Nos. 3, 4, 5 and 6 in PIL No. 22 of 2024; Mr. Dayali Elangbam, learned counsel for respondent No.8 in PIL No.22 of 2024; Mr. Romendro Sharma, learned counsel for respondent Nos. 10 and 11 in PIL No. 22 of 2024 are before us in the physical Court. Mr. M. Chittaranjan, learned counsel for respondent Nos. 7 & 9 in PIL No.22 of 2024 is also present in the physical Court and Mr. Rajesh Ranjan, learned counsel along with Mr. Dhruv Dewan, learned counsel for respondent Nos. 7 and 9 in PIL No.22 of 2024 and Mr. Boboy Potsangbam, learned CGSC (Central Government Standing Counsel) for respondent Nos. 1, 2, 12 and 13 in PIL No. 22 of 2024 are before this Court on the Video Conferencing (VC) platform.

[3] Adverting to paragraph 5 of earlier proceedings dated 29.04.2026, Mr. Boboy Potsangbam, learned CGSC submitted that he has got necessary instructions and he would now be appearing for Alliance Air Aviation Limited (respondent No. 12 in PIL No. 22 of 2024). This submission is recorded.

[4] As regards the affidavit to be filed, Mr. Boboy Potsangbam requests for 1 (one) more week's time stating that this may please be treated as peremptory. A similar request is made by Mr. A. Priyokumar, learned State Counsel as regards ATR (Action Taken Report).

[5] Mr. Khaidem Mani, learned senior counsel appearing on behalf of Mr. M. Rakesh, learned counsel on record for petitioner in PIL No. 27 of 2025, referred to paragraph 4 of earlier proceedings dated 29.04.2026 and emphasized the need for early attention. Learned senior counsel opposed to the request of learned CGSC and learned State Counsel. Learned senior advocate submitted that if 1 (one) week time is to be granted it should be on terms and cost of rupees not less than thirty thousand should be imposed. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and nature of the matter, we deem it appropriate to accede to the request of Mr. Boboy Potsangbam, learned CGSC and Mr. A. Priyokumar, learned State Counsel and grant them 1 (one) week's time albeit without imposing costs.

[6] List 1 (one) week hence.

[7] List on 22.05.2026.'

[2] *In the hearing today, Mr. Khaidem Mani, learned senior advocate, instructed by Mr. Kh. Samungou, learned counsel on record for petitioner in PIL No.27 of 2025; Mr. Ajoy Pebam, learned counsel on record for petitioner in PIL No. 22 of 2024; Mr. N. Khelemba, learned counsel for petitioner in PIL No. 9 of 2024; Mr. Boboy Potsangbam, learned CGSC (Central Government Standing Counsel) instructed by Mr. Satish, learned counsel along with learned senior advocate and learned DSGI (Deputy Solicitor General of India) Mr. Kh. Samarjit who is on V.C. platform instructed by Mr. N. Nongdamba (physical Court) for respondent Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 in PIL No. 27 of 2025, for respondent Nos. 1, 2, 12 and 13 in PIL No. 22 of 2024 and for respondent Nos. 1 and 2 in PIL No. 9 of 2024; Mr. Lenin Singh Hijam, learned senior advocate and Advocate General, Manipur who is on the V.C. platform instructed by Mr. I. Amri, learned State Counsel (physical court) along with Mr. S. Chittaranjan, learned Additional Advocate General, Manipur instructed by Mr. A. Priyokumar Sharma, learned State Counsel for respondent Nos. 5 and 6 in PIL No. 27 of 2025, for respondent Nos. 3, 4, 5 and 6 in PIL No. 22 of 2024 and for respondent No. 3 in PIL No. 9 of 2024; Mr. Dayali Elangbam, learned counsel for respondent No.8 in PIL No.22 of 2024; Mr. Romendro Sharma, learned counsel for respondent Nos. 10 and*

11 in PIL No. 22 of 2024 are before this Court. Mr. M. Chittaranjan, learned counsel for respondent Nos. 7 & 9 in PIL No.22 of 2024 who is physical Court and Mr. Rajesh Ranjan, learned counsel along with Mr. Dhruv Dewan, learned counsel who are on the V.C. platform for respondent Nos. 7 and 9 in PIL No.22 of 2024 are also before this Court.

[3] Adverting to earlier proceedings, Mr. Boboy Potsangbam submitted that as regards air fares/air routes, Hon'ble Supreme Court is seized of the matter vide a Article 32 writ petition being WP(C) No. 1124 of 2024. Learned counsel submits that Hon'ble Kerala High Court has deferred a similar matter in deference to Hon'ble Supreme Court being seized of the matter and is awaiting orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court. Mr. Boboy Potsangbam has placed before us proceedings of Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 15.05.2026 and scanned reproduction of the same is as follows :

ITEM NO.37	COURT NO.2	SECTION PIL-W
SUPREME COURT OF INDIA		
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS		
Writ Petition(s)(Civil) No(s). 1124/2025		
S. LAXMINARAYANAN		Petitioner(s)
VERSUS		
UNION OF INDIA & ORS.		Respondent(s)
IA No. 318557/2025 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS		
Date : 15-05-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.		
CORAM :		
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKRAM NATH		
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP MEHTA		
For Petitioner(s) :		
Mr. Ravindra Srivastava, Sr Adv.		
Mr. Jitendra Jay Cheema, Adv.		
Mr. Abhinav Verma, Adv.		
Ms. Charu Mathur, AOR		
Ms. Shruti Verma, Adv.		
Mr. Mohnish Nirwan, Adv.		
Mr. Ashok Kumar, Adv.		
For Respondent(s) :		
Mr. Tushar Mehta, Solicitor General		
Mr. Anil Kaushik, A.S.G.		
Mr. Sudarshan Lamba, AOR		
Mr. Pranjal Singh, Adv.		
Ms. Rajeshwari Shankar, Adv.		
Mr. Raman Yadav, Adv.		
Mr. Amit Sharma B, Adv.		
Mr. Madhav Singhal, Adv.		
Mr. Bhuvan Kapoor, Adv.		
Ms. Aishwarya Modi Seth, Adv.		
Mr. Sumer Dev Seth, Adv.		
Ms. Yashaswini Chandra, Adv.		
Mr. Vipul Shankar Sharma, Adv.		
Mr. Anurag Sharma, Adv.		
Ms. Shalini Prasad, Adv.		
Mr. Naveen Kapoor, Adv.		
Mr. Sukrit Seth, AOR		
Mr. Saurav Agrawal, Adv.		

Mr. Mrinal Ojha, Adv.
Mr. Debarshi Dutta, Adv.
Ms. Tanya Chaudhry, AOR
Ms. Utsha Dasgupta, Adv.
Ms. Namya Bose, Adv.
Ms. Gauri Shyam, Adv.
Ms. Prachi Dubey, Adv.
Mr. Tushar Nair, Adv.
Ms. Mehak Joshi, Adv.

Mr. Jose Abraham, AOR
Dr. Sebastian Joseph, Adv.
Mr. Anto G Robert, Adv.
Mr. Rebin Vincent Galan, Adv.

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

We have perused the short affidavit filed by the Deputy Director General, Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), Government of India, New Delhi.

Learned senior counsel appearing for the petitioner prays for a week's time to file a reply thereto.

Mr. Tushar Mehta, learned Solicitor General appearing for the DGCA and Union of India, submits that after the enactment of the Bharatiya Vayuyan Adhiniyam 2024, the Rules under the said enactment are in the process of being prepared/framed and that the said process is still going on and may take some time.

On the other hand, Mr. Ravindra Srivastava, learned senior counsel, submits that the Rules

already exist under the earlier regime/previous enactment and the same ought to be applied under the new enactment as well.

Reply to the short affidavit filed by the DGCA be filed within a week.

List again on 13th July, 2026.

(SONIA BHASIN)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR-CUM-PS

(RANJANA SHAILEY)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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A copy of the afore referred proceedings of Hon'ble Supreme Court has been furnished to the learned counsel on record for PIL petitioners.

[4] It is submitted by Mr. Boboy Potsangbam that he will state all this in an affidavit sworn by a responsible officer together with relevant documents as annexures to demonstrate that Hon'ble Supreme Court is seized of the matter. Let Mr. Boboy Potsangbam do the needful in this regard in the next listing. Besides this, learned counsel adverting to earlier proceedings made in previous listing further submits that he has filed his response and the same is on Board. This submission is recorded.

[5] Mr. Kh. Samarjit, learned senior advocate and learned DSGI (Deputy Solicitor General of India) who is before us on the V.C. (Video Conferencing) platform submitted that as regards some respondents he is appearing on behalf of Mr. N. Nongdamba and Mr. Boboy Potsangbam. Learned DSGI submits that the matter is being examined at the highest level, he would

now be appearing in the matter and if need be the first law officer of India i.e., learned Attorney General may also appear but he confirms that he will be appearing in the matter now.

[6] As regards State, Mr. Lenin Singh Hijam, learned senior advocate and Advocate General for Manipur who is before us on the V.C. platform submits that the issue of opening of highways is one which Hon'ble Supreme Court is seized of. In support of this submission, proceedings of Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 17.03.2025 made in SLP (Civil) Diary No(s). 19206 of 2023 has been placed before us and scanned reproduction of the same is as follows :

ITEM NO.35	COURT NO.1	SECTION XIV
SUPREME COURT OF INDIA RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS		
<u>SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CIVIL) Diary No(s). 19206/2023</u>		
[Arising out of impugned judgment and order dated 27-03-2023 in WP(C) No. 229/2023 passed by the High Court of Manipur at Imphal]		
DINGANGLUNG GANGMEI		Petitioner(s)
VERSUS		
MUTUM CHURAMANI MEETEI & ORS.		Respondent(s)
(IA No. 1227/2025 - Application for intervention/impleadment IA No. 298127/2024 - Application for clarification/direction)		
Date : 17-03-2025 This petition was called on for hearing today.		
CORAM :		
HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JOYMALYA BAGCHI		
For Petitioner(s) :		
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Mr. R Venkataramani, Attorney General for India Mr. Tushar Mehta, Solicitor General Mrs. Aishwarya Bhati, A.S.G. Mr. Kanu Agarwal, Adv. Mr. Shuvodeep Roy, Adv. Mr. Pratyush Shrivastava, Adv. Mr. Chitvan Singhal, Adv. Mr. Abhishek Kumar Pandey, Adv. Mr. Raman Yadav, Adv. Mr. Kartikay Aggarwal, Adv. Mr. Mukesh Kumar Singh, Adv. Ms. Ameya Vikrama Thanvi, Adv. Mr. Arvind Kumar Sharma, AOR Mr. Ahanthem Henry, Adv. Mr. Ahanthem Rohen Singh, Adv. Mr. David Ahongsangbam, Adv. Mr. Mohan Singh, Adv. Mr. Aniket Rajput, Adv. Ms. Khoisnam Nirmala Devi, Adv.		

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UPON hearing the counsel, the Court made the following

O R D E R

1. Re-list in the week commencing 21.07.2025.
2. Report Nos. 16, 28, 33 and 34 will be taken up for consideration on the said date. The term of the Committee headed by Ms. Justice Gita Mittal, former Chief Justice of the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir, shall stand extended till 31.07.2025.
3. Intervention/Impleadment application in IA No. 1227/2025 is allowed.
4. IA No. 298127/2024 filed for clarification is disposed of directing that the trial may proceed in the transferred cases before the concerned Court(s) in Guwahati.
5. The respondents shall comply with the directions given in the last order with regard to the properties, etc., within a period of three weeks.

(NITIN TALREJA)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(R.S. NARAYANAN)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

[7] Learned Advocate General, adverting to the afore referred 17.03.2025 proceeding of Hon'ble Supreme Court and more particularly paragraph 2 thereat, submits that report No. 28 deals with opening of highways. Learned Advocate General further submits that he will place the report (report No. 28) in a sealed envelope for the perusal of this Court under a suitable affidavit. This submission is recorded. As regards State, Additional Advocate General Mr. S. Chittaranjan along with Mr. A. Priyokumar Sharma, learned State Counsel and Mr. I. Amri, learned State Counsel are before the physical Court and it is submitted that they would all represent State as a team. Learned State Counsel shall bring on record the affidavit qua sealed envelope as submitted by learned Advocate General. Other than the sealed envelope and affidavit under which it is to be filed, learned counsel for the PIL

petitioner shall be favoured with advance copies of affidavit/s and annexures which are to be filed.

[8] List under the same cause list caption 'HEARING PIL' on 10.06.2026.'

[4] Though obvious, for the sake of specificity, it is made clear that the afore-referred proceedings made in the previous listings on 30.03.2026 and 22.05.2026 shall now be read as integral part and parcel of instant order.

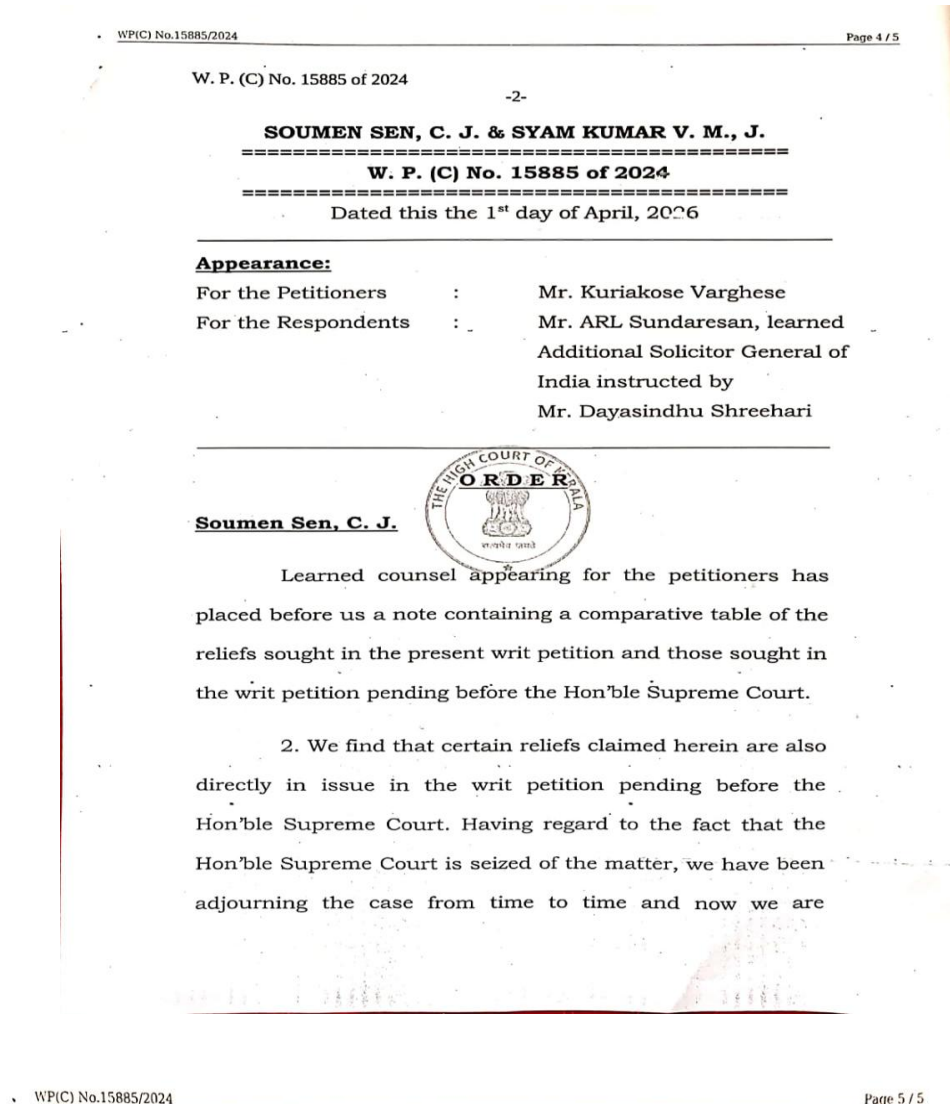
[5] In the hearing today, Mr. Khaidem Mani, learned senior advocate, instructed by Mr. Kh. Samungou, learned counsel on record for petitioner in PIL No.27 of 2025; Mr. L. Karnajit, learned counsel on record for petitioner in PIL No. 22 of 2024; Mr. I Denning, learned counsel for petitioner in PIL No. 9 of 2024; Mr. Boboy Potsangbam, learned CGSC (Central Government Standing Counsel) along with learned senior advocate and learned DSGI Mr. Kh. Samarjit instructed by Mr. N. Nongdamba (physical Court) for respondent Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 in PIL No. 27 of 2025, for respondent Nos. 1, 2, 12 and 13 in PIL No. 22 of 2024 and for respondent Nos. 1 and 2 in PIL No. 9 of 2024; Mr. Lenin Singh Hijam, learned senior advocate and Advocate General, Manipur instructed by Mr. I. Amri, learned State Counsel (physical court) along with Mr. A. Priyokumar Sharma, learned State Counsel for respondent Nos. 5 and 6 in PIL No. 27 of 2025, for respondent Nos. 3, 4, 5 and 6 in PIL No. 22 of 2024 and for respondent No. 3 in PIL No. 9 of 2024; Mr. Dayali Elangbam,

learned counsel for respondent No.8 in PIL No.22 of 2024; Mr. Romendro Sharma, learned counsel for respondent Nos. 10 and 11 in PIL No. 22 of 2024 are before this Court. Mr. M. Chittaranjan, learned counsel for respondent Nos. 7 & 9 in PIL No.22 of 2024 who is physical Court and Mr. Rajesh Ranjan, along with Mr. Dhruv Dewan, learned counsel on the V.C. platform for respondent Nos. 7 and 9 in PIL No.22 of 2024 are before this Court.

[6] In the hearing today, learned AG for the State of Manipur, advertng 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.

[7] Mr. Boboy Potsangbam, learned CGSC, advertng to earlier proceedings made by this Court in previous listing on

22.05.2026, more particularly paragraph 3 thereat, placed before this Court an order dated 01.04.2026 made by a Division Bench of Hon'ble Kerala High Court in WP(C)No.15885 of 2024 and a scanned reproduction of the same is as follows:



W. P. (C) No. 15885 of 2024

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informed that the matter before the Hon'ble Supreme Court is posted for hearing on 27.04.2026.

3. Post on 03.06.2026.

[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.

JUDGE

CHIEF JUSTICE

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