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HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA
AT SHILLONG

MC[WP(C)]. No. 274 of 2025 with
MC[WP(C)]. No. 11 of 2026 in
WP(C). No. 268 of 2025 (Disposed)

Date of Decision: 17.02.2026

MC[WP(C)]. No. 274 of 2025

1. Mr. Surat Zamal,
S/o. Shri. Moyjuddin Sk.
R/o. Maulakandi Village,
P.O. Moulakandi, P.S. Phulbari,
West Garo Hills, Meghalaya – 794104.
2. Smr. Raziul Islam,
S/o. Shri. Ajan Ali
R/o. Moulakandi Village,
P.O. Moulakandi, P.S. Phulbari,
West Garo Hills, Meghalaya – 794104.

...Applicants

-Versus-

1. The State of Meghalaya, through the
Commissioner and Secretary,
Community & Rural Development Department,
Government of Meghalaya,
Shillong – 793 001.
2. The Additional Mission Director,
State Rural Employment Society,
Meghalaya, Shillong – 793001.
3. The Deputy Commissioner and District
Programme Coordinator, MGNREGS,
West Garo Hills, Tura – 794001.



4. The Project Director and Addl. District Programme Coordinator, MGNREGS, West Garo Hills, Tura – 794001.
5. The Block Development Officer & Programme Officer, MGNREGS, Demdema C&RD Block, West Garo Hills District, Meghalaya – 794104.

...Respondents

AND

MC[WP(C)]. No. 11 of 2026

The State of Meghalaya,
Through the Secretary,
Community & Rural Department,
Govt. of Meghalaya, Shillong.

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-Versus-

1. Shri. Surat Zamal,
S/o. Shri. Moyjuddin Sk.
R/o. Maulakandi Village,
P.O. Moulakandi, P.S. Phulbari,
West Garo Hills, Meghalaya.
2. Shri. Raziul Islam,
S/o. Shri. Ajan Ali
Resident of Moulakandi Village,
P.O. Moulakandi, P.S. Phulbari,
West Garo Hills, Meghalaya.

...Respondents



Coram:

Hon'ble Mr. Justice H.S.Thangkhiew, Judge

Appearance in:

MC[WP(C)]. No. 274 of 2025

For the Petitioner/Applicant(s) : Mr. Philemon Nongbri, Adv.

For the Respondent(s) : Mrs. T.Yangi B, AAG with
Mr. J.N.Rynjah, GA.

Appearance in:

MC[WP(C)]. No. 11 of 2026

For the Petitioner/Applicant(s) : Mrs. T.Yangi B, AAG with
Mr. J.N.Rynjah, GA.

For the Respondent(s) : Mr. Philemon Nongbri, Adv.

i)	Whether approved for reporting in Law journals etc:	Yes/No
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ii)	Whether approved for publication in press:	Yes/No
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JUDGMENT AND ORDER (ORAL)

1. These two misc. applications are with regard to the status of verification of job card holders of Moulakandi VEC, and also praying for directions with regard to elections.



2. In MC[WP(C)]. No. 274 of 2025, the petitioner has prayed for fixation of a timeframe for conduct of the elections as the said village has been without a VEC since August, 2025.

3. The reasons put up by the respondents are that as the verification process was not completed, more time was required, and in this connection, a connected misc. application being MC[WP(C)]. No. 11 of 2026 has been filed.

4. Today, Mr. Philemon Nongbri, learned counsel for the writ petitioner/applicant has submitted a report containing the status of verification, and a perusal of the same indicates that 70.83% has been achieved. He further prays that a definite timeframe be given for elections to be conducted.

5. Mrs. T.Yangi B, learned AAG assisted by Mr. J.N.Rynjah, learned GA for the respondents, submits that in view of the fact that more time is required, at least three months' time may be allowed before the conduct of the elections.

6. This Court has considered both the misc. applications for fixation of timeframe, as well as for extension of time. As it is not disputed that 70.83% of the verification process had been completed, it is directed that the State respondents shall complete the verification process and positively conduct



the elections within six weeks from today. The caretaker Committee in place shall continue to function until a new Committee is constituted.

7. Both the misc. applications stand closed and disposed of.

Judge