Item No. 1
(Through Video Conferencing)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF MANIPUR
AT IMPHAL

PIL No. 18 of 2020

R.S. Khawungsing @ R. Asing & Anr.

….*Petitioners*

- Versus -

Union of India & 3 Ors.

…*Respondents*

BEFORE
HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. RAMALINGAM SUDHAKAR
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KH. NOBIN SINGH

16.06.2020
[Justice Nobin]

[1] Heard Mr. N. Jotendro, learned senior counsel appearing for the petitioner, Mr. Lenin Hijam, learned Additional Advocate General appearing for the State and Mr. Moses Pao, learned Advocate appearing on behalf of Mr. S. Suresh, learned ASG for the Union of India.

[2] On 26.05.2020 when this PIL was listed, this Court while issuing notice to the respondents passed an interim order which reads as follows :

> *"4. In view of the above, there will be an interim relief as sought for in respect of workers including migrants as well as students and the landlords are restrained from taking rent or evicting so long as the Union of India order dated 29.03.2020 is in force.*
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> *5. The State Government authorities are directed to implement the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs order dated 29.03.2020 applying the same on all aspects mentioned above."*

[3] Today, when the matter is taken up, it has been submitted by Mr. N. Jotendro, learned senior counsel appearing for the petitioner that the interim order granted on 26.05.2020 be made absolute to which, Mr. Lenin Hijam, learned Additional Advocate General appearing for the respondents submits that the instant PIL can be disposed of with the direction that the landlords be restrained from collecting rent or evicting the tenants as long as the Union of India order dated 29.03.2020 is in force.

[4] It may be noted that the landlords have not been arrayed as party respondents herein. However, the order dated 29.03.2020 was issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs in exercise of powers, conferred under Section 10 (2) (l) of the Disaster Manager Act, 2005.

[5] In view of the submission made by the learned counsel appearing for the parties, this Court is of view that the instant PIL can be disposed of and accordingly, the instant PIL stands disposed of with the direction that the State Government authorities are directed to ensure that the landlords shall not take rent or evict the tenants as long as the Union of India order dated 29.03.2020 is in force.

JUDGE **CHIEF JUSTICE**

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