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IN THE HIGH COURT OF MANIPUR
AT IMPHAL

MC (PIL) No. 44 of 2020
(Ref: - PIL No. 5 of 2019)

Laishram Ramesh Singh, aged about 44 years, S/o Laishram Iboyai Singh, resident of Wangjing Wangkhei, P.O. & P.S. Wangjing and District Thoubal, Manipur, Pin- 795148

……. *Applicant*

- Versus –

1. The State of Manipur represented by the Chief Secretary, Govt. of Manipur, South Block, Secretariat, Imphal, Pin- 795001.
2. The Additional Chief Secretary (Forest and Environment), Old Secretariat, Imphal, Manipur – 795001.
3. The Chairman, Manipur Pollution Control Board, DC Complex Lamphelpat, Pin – 795004.
4. The Commissioner/Secretary/Principal Secretary, Water Resources Department, Govt. of Manipur, Secretariat, Imphal, Imphal, Manipur Pin-795001.
5. The Chairman/Head of State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Porompat, Manipur Pin – 795005.
6. The Deputy Commissioner/ Chairman, District Environment Impact Assessment Authority (DEIAA), Thoubal, Manipur, Pin-795138.
7. The Deputy Commissioner/Chairman, District Environment Impact Assessment Authority (DEIAA), Imphal East.
8. The Divisional Forest Officer, Central Mantripukhri, Manipur, Pin-795002.
9. The Divisional Forest Officer, Thoubal, Manipur-795138.
10. The Union Government represented by the Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi -110003.
11. The Member Secretary, Manipur Biodiversity Board, Forest Department, Sanjenthong, Imphal-795001, Manipur.
12. The Principal Secretary (Trade, Commerce & Industries), Govt. of Manipur, P.O. & P.S. Imphal Pin-795001.

…. *Respondents*

For the applicant	:	Mr. Kh. Tomba, Advocate
For the Respondents	:	Mr. N. Kumarjit, Advocate General. Mr. S. Suresh, ASG
Date of Order	**:**	**01.09.2020**

BEFORE

HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. RAMALINGAM SUDHAKAR

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KH. NOBIN SINGH

ORDER (ORAL)

Ramalingam Sudhakar, CJ

[1] The prayer in MC(PIL) No. 44 of 2020 is as follows :-

> *"i) direct the concerned authorities to release the vehicle of the applicant seized by the personnel of the Andro Police Station, Imphal East District to the custody of the applicant as has been done in respect of similarly situated persons."*

[2] The miscellaneous application has been filed for release of vehicle which was seized by the respondents. This Court, in similar case for release of vehicle, namely, MC (PIL) No. 10 of 2019 [Ref:- PIL No. 5 of 2019], disposed it of by order dated 20.11.2019 whereby certain directions were issued for release of vehicle on deposit of certain amount.

[3] Mr. Kh. Tomba, learned counsel appearing for the applicant pleaded that he will not repeat the offence and stated that he is willing to make voluntary non-refundable deposit to any organization that the Court may direct to show his bonafide and good will.

[4] Keeping in mind the above, the miscellaneous application stands allowed with the following directions :-

(a) The applicant shall not carry on the business of lifting sand and stone for selling them to the public until the permit is issued by the State Government in accordance with law.

(b) The applicant shall co-operate with the investigation being conducted by the authorities of the Directorate of Trade, Commerce and Industries, Government of Manipur.

(c) The applicant shall deposit a sum of Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees five thousand) only, being refundable, to the Director of Trade, Commerce and Industries, being refundable, which can be adjusted against the fine, if any, that may be imposed after the proceedings initiated against the applicant is completed.

(d) The applicant volunteers to donate a sum of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand) only to the Manipur State Legal Services Authority.

(e) The applicant volunteers to donate a sum of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand) only to the Orphanage/Children home recognized by Social Welfare Department, Manipur, namely, **Morning STAR Organizational (MSO), "Open Shelter for Boys (Age under 17)", Zion Veng Rengkai, Near North Eastern Academy, Bethlehem Veng Rengkai, Churachandpur District having bank A/c No. 9005050001410 of UBI, Lamlong Branch, Imphal, IFSC: UTBI0RRBMRB**

[5] The above directions (a), (b), (c) and voluntary undertaking as per (d) & (e) shall be complied with within two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of the order. Subject to the production of proof of deposit as above, the vehicle can be released thereafter. Copy of the proof of deposit is to be furnished to this Court also.

The miscellaneous application stands allowed as above.

JUDGE **CHIEF JUSTICE**

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