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HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA
AT SHILLONG

WP(C). No. 362 of 2020

Date of Order: 15.12.2020

Smti. Pyntngen Talang Vs. State of Meghalaya & Ors.

Coram:

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ranjit More, Judge.

Appearance:

For the Petitioner/Appellant(s) : Mr. P.Nongbri, Adv.

For the Respondent(s) : Ms. R.Colney, GA for R 1-5.
None for R 6.

1. Heard.

2. This petition is filed seeking direction to respondents to provide appropriate police protection to the petitioner and her family members and further directing the respondents to register FIR on the basis of petitioner's compliant dated 22-08-2020.

3. Petitioner is a 65 years old lady and it is her case that on 05-08-2020 around 1:45 a.m. a group of residents of Demthring village had forcibly entered into her residence and vandalized the window panes of her house. The group has also alleged that petitioner is indulging in practice of black magic and witchcraft. Apprehending serious threat to her life and family members, petitioner on 22-08-2020 lodged a complaint before the Officer-in- Charge, Jowai Police Station stating therein about the apprehension and threat to her life and family members requesting them to take appropriate action and also to provide protection. However, till filing of the petition, no action was taken, therefore, petitioner approached this Court for the reliefs stated herein above.

4. Petition was placed for admission on 22-11-2020. Learned Single Judge heard the respective counsels and directed the Deputy Commissioner, West Jaintia Hills District to form a committee of all relevant stake holders

including the petitioner or her representatives, the Dorbar Shnong through the Headman and Secretary. Learned Single Judge also directed that this committee to be headed by the Deputy Commissioner shall hold it first meeting on 28-11-2020 at the place and date to be fixed by the Deputy Commissioner and any subsequent meetings thereafter as and when required. The Court also directed that proceedings and resolution of the meeting shall be filed before this Court through the State respondents before the next date fixed.

5. Learned GA today placed on record the report of the Deputy Commissioner, West Jaintia Hills District dated 07-12-2020. Along with the report, minutes of the meeting held on 27-11-2020 and 04-12-2020 are enclosed, In the meeting dated 27-11-2020, the petitioner was represented by her sons, Shri. Embhahlang Talang and Mr. Darilang Miki Talang. They expressed their desire to settle the matter amicably provided that the people from the village who fell sick do not come to their house for treatment. They strongly objected against those residents of Demthring village who spread rumours that their mother is indulging in the practice of witchcraft.

6. On 27-11-2020, the Dorbar Shnong Demthring was represented by Mr. K.L.Dkhar, Headman, Mr. M.S. Ryngkhlem, Secretary, Mr. J.L.Ryngkhlem, Chairman and Mr. E.W.Ryngkhlem, Executive Member. They also expressed their desire to settle the matter amicably to bring lasting peace and harmony in the village. However, the Headman and Secretary, Dorbar Shnong Demthring requested some time in order to enable them to further discuss the issues. Their request was accepted and next meeting was fixed on 04-12-2020. On 04-12-2020, Shri. K.L.Dkhar, Headman and Mr. M.S.Ryngkhlem, Secretary, Dorbar Shnong Demthring informed that the Dorbar has resolved to withdraw all the directives and advisories issued to the petitioner and agreed to take action as desired by the family of the petitioner, that is, residents of Demthring village who fell sick are not allowed to come to their house, instead they should go to qualified Doctors for medical treatment.

7. Thus, the minutes of the meeting dated 27-11-2020 and 04-12-2020 clearly shows that the matter is amicably settled between the parties. The report accordingly is taken on record.

8. Learned counsel for the petitioner in the light of the above facts, stated that the grievance of the petitioner no more survives for consideration.

9. Petition is accordingly disposed of.

Judge

Meghalaya
15.12.2020
"Samantha PS"