

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

WP(C) No.51 of 2026

State of Manipur

... Petitioner

-Versus-

Union of India & 7 Ors

... Respondents

**BEFORE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A.GUNESHWAR SHARMA**
18.2.2026

Present Mr.S.Niranjan, learned Government Advocate for the State/petitioner, Mr.Kh.Samarjeet, learned DSGI assisted by Mr.Nongdamba, learned counsel, for the Union of India, Mr.Arvind Dattar, learned senior counsel, through V.C, assisted by Mr.Boboy Potsangbam, learned counsel for respondent No.4, Mr.Abhisek, learned senior counsel through V.C along with Mr.E.Dayali, learned counsel appearing physically for respondent No.5, Mr.H.Prabirkumar, learned counsel for respondent No.6 and Mr.Vivek Reddy, learned senior counsel appearing through V.C and Mr.Albert Keisham, learned counsel physically appearing on behalf of respondent No.8.

By the present petition, State of Manipur prayed for a direction to the Central Government and also to the service providers for blocking offensive video circulating in the State of Manipur due to the prevailing situation in Manipur.

On 22.1.2026 when the matter was taken up, Mr.Samarjeet, learned DSGI submitted that the Ministry had already taken care of the request by the State Government and issued instruction dated 22.1.2026 for blocking the offensive video.

Learned counsel for service providers have confirmed the compliance of the blocking order issued by the competent authority.

It is submitted at the Bar by learned counsel for the parties that since the request of the State has been taken care of by the Central Government, matter has become infructuous and may be closed.

However, learned senior counsel for service providers submit that only offensive video is to be blocked and contents of report either in digital/ print formats are not covered by this blocking order.

In the circumstance, without expressing any opinion on merit, the writ petition is closed as infructuous. However, it is clarified that blocking will be confined to the offensive video circulated in electronic and social media.

With the observation, writ petition is disposed of. Interim order, if any, merges with this order.

JUDGE

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