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Item No. 30 & 31

IN THE HIGH COURT OF MANIPUR
AT IMPHAL

AB No. 16 of 2024

1. Leishangthem Somokanta Singh, aged about 37 years, S/o Leishangthem Tomba Singh of Thoubal Leishangthem Bashikhong, PO & PS Thoubal, Leishangthem Gram Panchayat, Thoubal District, Manipur-795138.

2. Leishangthem Chandrashakhi Devi, aged about 35 years, W/o Leishangthem Somokanta Singh of Leishangthem, Thoubal District, Manipur-795138.

3. Shagolsem Karna Meitei, aged about 41 years, S/o Sagolshem Kameshwor Meitei of Mayang Imphal Maibam Maning Leikai, Maibam Konjil, Thoubal District, Manipur-795132.

.... Petitioners

- versus -

1. The Officer-in-Charge of the Thoubal Police Station, Office at Thoubal, P.O. & P.S., Thoubal, Thoubal District, Manipur-795138.

2. Leishangthem (o) Ashangbi Devi, aged about 60 years, W/o L. Yaima Singh of Thoubal Leishangthem Bashikhong, PO & PS Thoubal, Leishangthem Gram Panchayat, Thoubal District, Manipur-795138.

... Respondents

AB No. 17 of 2024

1. Sagolsen Ratan Singh, aged about 48 years, S/o (L) Sh. Kameshwor Singh of Mayang Imphal Maibam Konjin, Maibam Shagolsem Leikai, PO & P.S Mayang Imphal, Kakching District, Manipur.

2. Mayengbam Leima Chanu, aged about 40 years, W/o Shagolsem Ratan Singh of MAYANG Imphal Maibam Konjin, Maibam Shagolsem Leikai, PO & P.S Mayang Imphal, Kakching District, Manipur.

…. Petitioners

- versus -

1. The Officer-in-Charge of the Thoubal Police Station, Office at Thoubal, P.O. & P.S., Thoubal, Thoubal District, Manipur-795138.

2. Leishangthem (o) Ashangbi Devi, aged about 66 years, W/o L. Yaima Singh of Leishangthem Awang Leikai, P.O. & P.S. Thoubal, Thoubal District, Manipur-795138.

... Respondents

B E F O R E
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A. GUNESHWAR SHARMA

For the petitioners	:	Mr. Rendy Maibam, Advocate
For the respondents	:	Mr. Y. Ashang, Public Prosecutor Mr. Phungyo Zingkhei, Dy. G.A.
Date of hearing & order	:	**26.11.2026**

JUDGMENT & ORDER
(ORAL)

[1] Heard Mr. Rendy Maibam, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and Mr. Y. Ashang, learned PP assisted by Mr. Phungyo Zingkhei, learned Deputy GA appearing for the respondents.

[2] The 5 (five) petitioners approached this Court by way of applications under Section 438 of Cr.P.C. [AB No. 16 of 2024 and AB No. 17 of 2024] for pre arrest bail with respect to FIR No. 45(4)2024 TBL PS U/s 457/363/365/326/34 IPC & 25(1-B) Arms Act.

[3] Mr. Rendy Maibam, learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submits that the five petitioners in the two bail applications are not named in the FIR. All they are implicated in the present case simply for being neighbours of the main accused.

[4] In AB No. 16 of 2024 and AB No. 17 of 2024, by separate orders dated 13.06.2024 in Cril. Misc. Case No. 18 of 2024 and Cril. Misc. Case No. 19 of 2024, the petitioners were granted pre arrest bail and the interim orders have been extended from time to time. The State respondents have also filed objections in the bail.

[5] When the matter was taken up on 29.07.2026, this Court recorded that the petitioners had been appearing before the I.O. in terms of the earlier interim orders and they had been also cooperating with the conditions of the interim bail; and prayed for making the interim pre-arrest bail orders dated 13.06.2024 as absolute. On the same day, Mr. Y. Ashang, learned PP took some time to seek instructions as to whether the petitioners had violated any condition imposed on them while granting the interim pre-arrest bail, about the process of investigation of the case and trial, if any.

[6] When the matter is taken up today, Mr. Y. Ashang, learned PP draws the attention of this Court to Paragraph No. 9 of the objection filed by the State respondents, specially to the fact that even though the petitioners are not named in the FIR; their complicity of the conspiracy to kidnap has been made out during the course of investigation; and the investigation is in progress.

[7] Mr. Y. Ashang, learned PP fairly submits that he has no information till date about violation of the terms of the conditions imposed by this Court while granting interim orders dated 13.06.2026. Learned PP submits that this Court may pass appropriate order.

[8] This Court considered the matter; and for easy reference, one of the orders dated 13.06.2024 (being similar) is reproduced herein below:

> *"13.06.2024*
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> *Heard Mr. M. Hemchandra, learned sr. counsel appearing for the applicant and Mr. Y. Ashang, learned PP appearing for the respondent No. 1.*
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> *The present Misc. Application has been filed praying for passing an interim order for granting interim anticipatory bail/pre-arrest bail to the humble petitioners in connection with FIR No. 45(4)2024 TBL PS U/S 457/363/365/326/34 IPC & 25(1-B) Arms Act.*
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> *In the meantime, it is directed that the I.O of the case is to release the petitioners in the event of their arrest in connection with FIR Case No. 45(4)2024 TBL PS U/S 457/363/365/326/34 IPC & 25(1-B) Arms Act by furnishing a bail bond of Rs. 50000/- (Rupees Fifty thousand) to the satisfaction of the Arresting Authority. It is also made clear that the petitioners should co-operate with the investigation and they should make themselves available for*

interrogation by the I.O of the FIR case as and when required. The petitioners should not leave the State of Manipur without prior permission of the Arresting Authority. It is further made clear that if the petitioners violate any of the conditions given hereinabove, the respondents are at liberty to approach this court for modification or cancellation of this interim order.

Accordingly, the present misc. application is disposed of."

[9] Mr. Rendy Maibam, learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submits that the petitioners are cooperating with the investigation; and they are appearing before the I.O.; and additional affidavits dated 16.06.2026 in this regard have also been filed. The contents of the one of additional affidavits dated 16.06.2026 are reproduced herein below:

"ADDITIONAL AFFIDAVIT FILED ON BEHALF OF THE PETITIONERS

I, Leishangthem Somokanta Singh, aged about 37 years, S/o Leishangthem Tomba Singh of Thoubal Leishangthem Bashikhong, PO & PS Thoubal, Leishangthem Gram Panchayat, Thoubal District, Manipur and on behalf of the petitioner no. 2 & 3 as duly authorised, am the petitioner in the present anticipatory bail application being AB No. 16 of 2024 and as such I am well acquainted with the facts and circumstances of the present anticipatory bail application and accordingly swear this Additional Affidavit on solemn oath and affirm as hereunder:

1. That the humble petitioners had filed the present anticipatory bail application being AB No. 17 of 2024 praying inter alia as under:

i. To admit the present application.

ii. Call for the records.

iii. After hearing the parties grant pre-arrest bail or anticipatory bail to the petitioners/ applicants u/s 438 of CrPC in its absolute nature in connection with the above referred FIR No. 45 (4) 2024 TBL PS U/s 457/363/365/326/34 IPC & 25(1-B) Arms Act for the ends of justice.

iv. To pass any other order/ direction as the Hon'ble Court may deem fit.

2. That during the pendency of the present Anticipatory bail application, the Hon'ble Court passed its order dated 31-07-2025 thereby directing the humble petitioner to appear before the IO of the case on 06-08-2025. That the relevant portion of the order dated 31-07-2025 reads as under:

> *From record, it is not cleared whether the petitioners have appeared before the 10 for getting Anticipatory Bail from this Court.*
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> *In the circumstances, the petitioners are directed to appear before the 10 on 06.08.2025 at 11:00 am and 10 shall submit a report in this regard.*

*True copy of the order dated 31-07-2025 passed in AB No. 16 of 2024 has been annexed herewith and marked as **ANNEXURE-A/9**.*

3. That in view of the direction of the Hon'ble Court, the humble petitioners have appeared before the IO of the case on 06-08-2025.

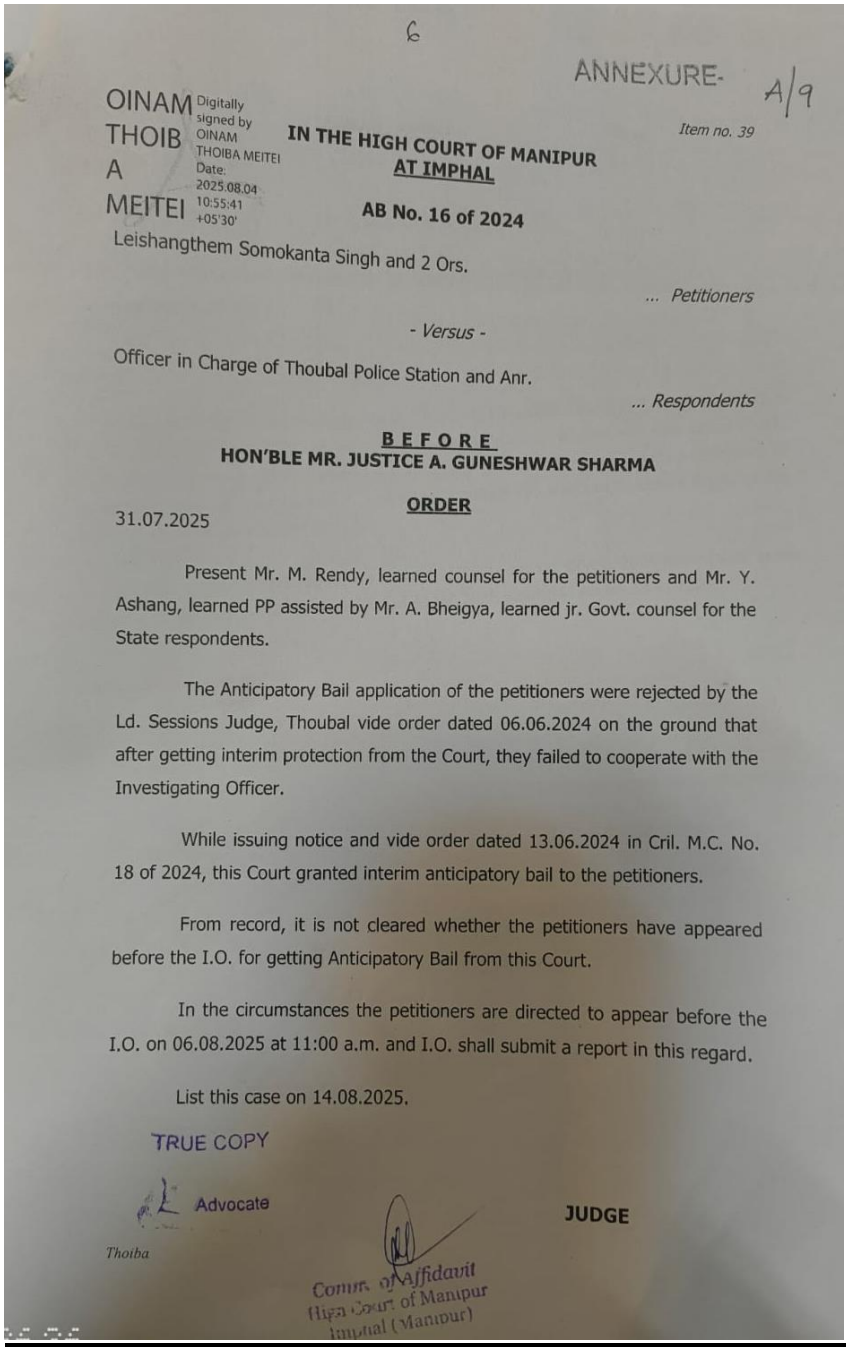
*True copy of the letter dated 06-08-2025 by the humble petitioner has been annexed herewith and marked as **ANNEXURE-A/10**.*

4. That the humble petitioners have fully co-operate with the investigation and have not violated any of the conditions as set out by the Hon'ble Court.

In the present facts and circumstances, it is humbly prayed that the present Additional Affidavit along with its statements and averments be taken on

record and treated as part and parcel of the present anticipatory bail application being AB No. 16 of 2024 in the interest of justice."

Annexure -9



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ANNEXURE- A/9

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Item no. 39

IN THE HIGH COURT OF MANIPUR
AT IMPHAL

AB No. 16 of 2024

Leishangthem Somokanta Singh and 2 Ors.

... *Petitioners*

- Versus -

Officer in Charge of Thoubal Police Station and Anr.

... *Respondents*

B E F O R E
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A. GUNESHWAR SHARMA

ORDER

31.07.2025

Present Mr. M. Rendy, learned counsel for the petitioners and Mr. Y. Ashang, learned PP assisted by Mr. A. Bheigya, learned jr. Govt. counsel for the State respondents.

The Anticipatory Bail application of the petitioners were rejected by the Ld. Sessions Judge, Thoubal vide order dated 06.06.2024 on the ground that after getting interim protection from the Court, they failed to cooperate with the Investigating Officer.

While issuing notice and vide order dated 13.06.2024 in Cril. M.C. No. 18 of 2024, this Court granted interim anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

From record, it is not cleared whether the petitioners have appeared before the I.O. for getting Anticipatory Bail from this Court.

In the circumstances the petitioners are directed to appear before the I.O. on 06.08.2025 at 11:00 a.m. and I.O. shall submit a report in this regard.

List this case on 14.08.2025.

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Advocate

JUDGE

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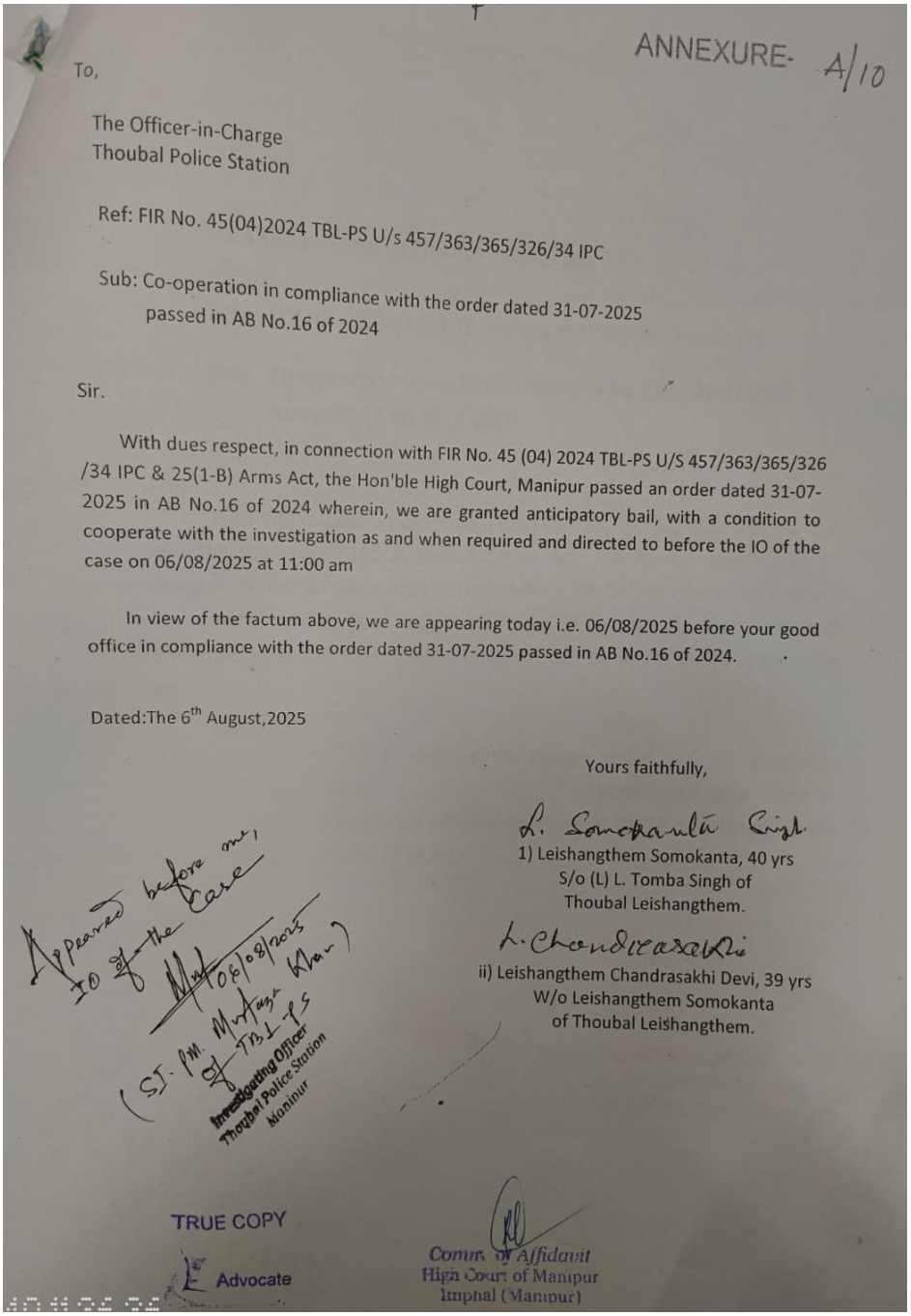
Comm. of Affidavit
High Court of Manipur
Imphal (Manipur)

Annexure – 10



ANNEXURE- A/10

To,

The Officer-in-Charge
Thoubal Police Station

Ref: FIR No. 45(04)2024 TBL-PS U/s 457/363/365/326/34 IPC

Sub: Co-operation in compliance with the order dated 31-07-2025 passed in AB No.16 of 2024

Sir.

With dues respect, in connection with FIR No. 45 (04) 2024 TBL-PS U/S 457/363/365/326 /34 IPC & 25(1-B) Arms Act, the Hon'ble High Court, Manipur passed an order dated 31-07-2025 in AB No.16 of 2024 wherein, we are granted anticipatory bail, with a condition to cooperate with the investigation as and when required and directed to before the IO of the case on 06/08/2025 at 11:00 am

In view of the factum above, we are appearing today i.e. 06/08/2025 before your good office in compliance with the order dated 31-07-2025 passed in AB No.16 of 2024.

Dated:The 6th August,2025

Yours faithfully,

L. Somokanta Singh

1) Leishangthem Somokanta, 40 yrs
S/o (L) L. Tomba Singh of
Thoubal Leishangthem.

L. Chandrasakhi

ii) Leishangthem Chandrasakhi Devi, 39 yrs
W/o Leishangthem Somokanta
of Thoubal Leishangthem.

Appeared before me, IO of the Case
06/08/2025
(SI. PM. Murtaza Khan)
of TBL-PS
Investigating Officer
Thoubal Police Station
Manipur

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Advocate

Comm. of Affidavit
High Court of Manipur
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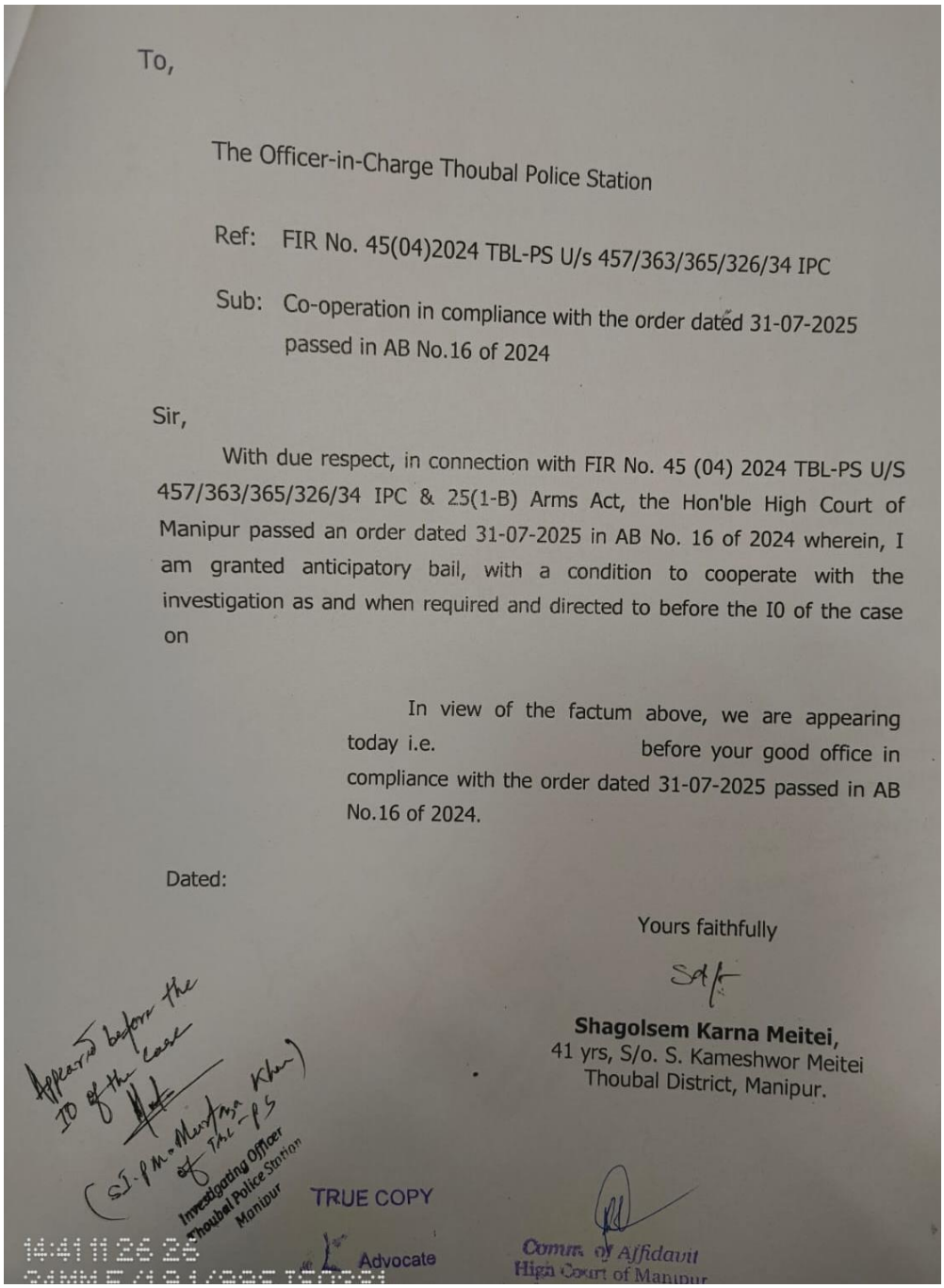

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Dated:

Yours faithfully

Shagolsem Karna Meitei,
41 yrs, S/o. S. Kameshwor Meitei
Thoubal District, Manipur.

Appeared before the IO of the case

Investigating Officer
Thoubal Police Station
Manipur

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Advocate

Comm. of Affidavit
High Court of Manipur

[10] Taking into consideration of the circumstances, this Court is of the opinion that the two interim orders dated 13.06.2024 passed in Cril. Misc. Case No. 18 of 2024 (Ref.: AB No. 16 of 2024) and Cril. Misc. Case No. 19 of 2024 (Ref.: AB No. 17 of 2024) are made absolute with the same conditions. It is further directed that the petitioners are to appear

before the I.O. as and when required; on failure of the compliance with the earlier conditions and the new one, the State respondents may approach this Court for cancellation of the bail orders.

[11] Both AB No. 16 of 2024 and AB No. 17 of 2024 are allowed and disposed of.

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