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IN THE HIGH COURT OF MANIPUR
AT IMPHAL

MC(WA)No.85 of 2026
Ref: WA No.67 of 2019

The PCCF & HoFF, Government of Manipur at Forest Headquarters, Sanjenthong, Imphal-795001.

…Applicant

-Vs-

1. Shri Gaisuiling Gonmei aged about 59 years, S/o Gaichanglung Gonmei, a resident of Makhuam village, PO & PS – Noney, Noney District, Manipur-795159.

… Respondent

2. The State of Manipur represented by Commissioner/Secretary (Revenue), Government of Manipur, PO- Imphal, P.S.- Imphal West, Manipur-795001.
3. The Deputy Commissioner, Tamenglong, Tamenglong District, Manipur-795141.
4. The Deputy Commissioner, Noney, Noney District, Manipur-795159.
5. The Deputy Chief Engineer, CON/NF-Railway, Imphal, Imphal West, Manipur-795140.

… Proforma Respondents

BEFORE

HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. M. SUNDAR
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A. GUNESHWAR SHARMA
(ORDER)

(Order of the Court was made by M. Sundar, CJ)

17.11.2026.

[1] Captioned MC (Miscellaneous Case) has been taken out with a implead prayer.

[2] The MC applicant has been described as 'PCCF & HoFF' in the cause title. However, from the contents of the MC application, it comes to light that

'PCCF & HoFF' denotes 'Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force'.

[3] Learned Advocate General (AG) for the State of Manipur and senior advocate, Mr. Lenin Hijam instructed by State counsel, Mr. I. Amri is before this Court (physical Court) for MC applicant.

[4] Learned (AG) submits that main WA (writ appeal) pertains to land acquisition and it has become necessary to take out captioned MC as the lands acquired (subject matter of captioned WA) are not village *patta* lands but are forest lands and property of the Government.

[5] Issue notice.

[6] Mr. Vishal Likmabam, learned counsel accepts notice for R1 (respondent No.1) and Mr. Th. Ibohal, learned senior advocate appearing on his behalf is before this Court (physical Court).

[7] As regards R2 to R4 (respondent Nos. 2 to 4), Mr. W. Niranjit Singh, learned State counsel accepts notice and Mr. BR. Sharma, learned CGC (Central Government Counsel) along with Ms. Pamchui accepts notice for R5 (respondent No.5).

[8] Learned State counsel for R2 to R4 and learned CGC for R5 submit in one voice that they waive their right to file affidavits-in-opposition and are not opposing the implead prayer in the captioned MC.

[9] However, Mr. Th. Ibohal, learned senior advocate appearing on behalf of Mr. Vishal Likmabam submits that land acquisition is by State and the

question of making department wise parties does not arise and therefore captioned MC deserves to be dismissed.

[10] All the afore-referred counsel for all the respondents agreed to have the main MC taken up and heard out without affidavits-in-opposition. Therefore with consent of both sides captioned MC was heard out.

[11] This Court carefully considered the overall circumstances and trajectory the matter has taken today *qua* main WA (writ appeal). In the main WA, learned AG, on instructions submits that State will now pay the entire compensation of Rs. 16,51,556.00/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakhs fifty one thousand five hundred and fifty six) as per compensatory payment award orders dated 03.01.2011 bearing reference No. DC(TML)11/370 (RLY) MAKH/2011 leaving open all questions as 6(six) other similarly placed persons have been given compensation for land, horticultural crops and trees standing thereon. Learned AG very fairly submits that this is to ensure parity and question/s regarding Forest land ownership by Government as opposed to ownership by village Chiefs and other incidental and ancillary questions may please be left open for being decided in other legal drill/s where it becomes imperative.

[12] Learned AG also submits, on instructions that a suitable affidavit (together with a demand draft for Rupees 16,51,556.00/- favoring writ appellant) will be filed by the State counsel in the next listing. This submission of learned AG is recorded as an undertaking given to Court by R2 in captioned MC.

[13] To be noted, R1(respondent No.1) in MC/WA appellant has given up the disputation regarding the extent of land as well as the rate of

compensation. To put it differently, Mr. Th. Ibohal, learned senior advocate, on instructions submits that the writ appellant/R1 in captioned MC will now accept compensation for 10.674 acres at Rs. 44,000/- per acre solatium interest, compensation for crops, trees all totaling Rs. 16,51,556.00/- in full quit of all claims. This fair stand of R1 as articulated by learned senior counsel is also recorded.

[14] The above means that the captioned main WA is drawing to a close and it will be curtains on the matter by next listing. In this view of the matter, though the question of whether the MC applicant is a necessary party deserves examination as there can be no disputation that it is a proper party, captioned MC is allowed/ordered as prayed for.

[15] Registry is directed to carry out necessary and consequential amendments in the case file pursuant to instant order as expeditiously as the official business of the Registry would permit but in any event atleast two clear days prior to next listing of main WA which will be on 15.12.2026 as next listing of main WA will be on 18.12.2026.

[16] Captioned MC is disposed of in the aforesaid manner. There shall be no order as to costs.

JUDGE **CHIEF JUSTICE**

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