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Item No. 1

IN THE HIGH COURT OF MANIPUR
AT IMPHAL

WP(C) No. 835 of 2026

Thangjam Leishang Singh

…..Petitioner/s

-Versus-

State of Manipur & 4 Ors.

….Respondent/s

BEFORE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A. GUNESHWAR SHARMA

Order

05.11.2026

[1] Heard Mrs. Babita Th., learned counsel for the petitioner.

[2] The petitioner approached this Court by way of the present petition for taking judicial note to declare him as the owner of the land on consideration of the Jamabandis dated 19.04.2023, 24.04.2023 & 05.10.2023 and documents dated 15.08.2026 & 17.08.2026 and in alternative, it is prayed that the representation dated 23.09.2026 submitted by the petitioner to (i) The Secretary/Commissioner (Land Resources), Government of Manipur; and (ii) The Deputy Commissioner, Imphal East be disposed of by a speaking order.

[3] Mr. H. Debendra, learned Dy. A.G. assisted by Ms. I. Sharmila, learned Jr. Government counsel for the State respondent, submits that the representation is not maintainable in the present form, as the substantive prayer is for declaration of title which is not

maintainable in the writ petition under Article 226 of the Constitution and the writ petition may be disposed of at this stage on this ground only. It is also submitted by the learned Dy. A.G. that the land has been resumed by the State Government.

[4] At this stage, Mrs. Babita Th., learned counsel for the petitioner, submits that the writ petition may be disposed of by considering the alternative prayer made at the bar that the representation dated 23.09.2026 submitted by the petitioner be considered and disposed of by passing a speaking order within a stipulated time.

[5] Mr. H. Debendra, learned Dy. A.G., submits that even though there is prayer for disposal of the representation, this Court may pass appropriate order not effecting on the merit of the case.

[6] This Court has considered the alternative prayer made at the bar and the writ petition is disposed of by directing respondent No. 1 i.e., Administrative Secretary (Land Resources), Government of Manipur to consider the representation dated 23.09.2026 submitted by the petitioner by passing a speaking order as per rule within a period of two months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

[7] It is made clear that this Court does not express any opinion on the merit of the case and also on the contention made in the representation.

JUDGE

Kh. Joshua Maring