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# HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA
# AT SHILLONG

WP(C) No. 433 of 2026

Date of Pronouncement: 30.10.2026
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Shri Balajied Jyrwa,
S/o Smti. Bonlily Jyrwa
Resident of Lama Villa, Shillong
East Khasi Hills District, Meghalaya **…Petitioner**

**-Versus-**

1. State of Meghalaya
   Represented by the Chief Secretary to the
   Govt. of Meghalaya, Shillong

2. The Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya
   Mining & Geology Department, Shillong

3. The Director of Mineral Resources, Meghalaya
   Shillong

4. The Deputy Commissioner, East Jaintia Hills
   District, Meghalaya **…Respondents**

**Coram:**

**Hon'ble Mr. Justice H. S. Thangkhiew, Judge**

**Appearance:**

For the Petitioner(s) : Mr. S. Deb, Adv.
Ms. S.G. Marpna, Adv.

For the Respondent(s) : Mr. N.D. Chullai, AAG with
Mr. E.R. Chyne, GA.

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| i) | Whether approved for reporting in Law journals etc.: | Yes/No |
| ii) | Whether approved for publication in press: | Yes/No |

**JUDGMENT:**

1. The petitioner is before this Court being aggrieved with the non-disposal of the representation dated 11.09.2026, in connection with e-Auction Notice dated 21.08.2026, on the ground that the said Auction Notice was not published in Newspapers, to enable the petitioner to participate.

2. Mr. S. Deb, learned counsel for the petitioner has however submitted that in the course of the proceedings, the representation has since been answered, and it appears that though the advertisement was issued, the same was near the last date itself, which violates the condition precedent of adequate time being given before the auction date. He prays that as the representation has since been answered, nothing remains for consideration and the matter can be closed by observing that perhaps in such matters, adequate time should be given between publication of the notice in newspapers and the auction date.

3. Mr. N.D. Chullai, learned AAG assisted by Mr. E.R. Chyne, learned counsel for the respondents has submitted that be that as it may, it is not a fact that the Notice was not published in Newspapers, and in this context, has submitted before this Court the clippings of the Newspapers of

*'U Peitngor'* and the *'Meghalaya Guardian'* showing that the said Notice dated 21.08.2026 was published on 04.09.2026. As such, he submits though there might be a slight delay, there being no merit in the writ petition, the same is liable to be dismissed.

4. This Court on hearing the learned counsel for the parties and on examination of the materials as placed, is surprised to note that the said representation by the petitioner dated 11.09.2026, has been made under the Letter Head of Hynniewtrep Integrated Territorial Organization, (HITO) headquartered in Shillong, and signed by the petitioner, as Secretary Shillong City. The further communication annexed to the writ petition dated 21.09.2026, is also on the same Letter Head and signed by the same person.

5. This Court fails to understand under what circumstances an NGO, which is supposed to engage in the pursuit of the upliftment of society, is interested or is engaging in bidding in a coal auction through the Secretary. This matter perhaps needs to be looked into by the State respondents, in a detailed manner.

6. However, as there nothing that remains for consideration in the present writ petition, the same stands closed and is accordingly disposed of.

**JUDGE**

Meghalaya
30.10.2026
***"V. Lyndem AR-PS"***



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