Serial No. 36
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HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA
AT SHILLONG

WP(C) No. 437 of 2026

Date of Pronouncement: 26.10.2026
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1.Smti Mamota G. Sangma
2.Smti Dipti Sangma
3.Smti Bronitha Sangma … **Petitioner(s)**

Versus

1.The State of Meghalaya represented by
The Secretary Home (Police) Department, Shillong, Meghalaya

2. The Superintendent of Police,
South West Garo Hills, Ampati, Meghalaya

3. The Officer-in-Charge, Garobadha Police Station,
South West Garo Hills, Meghalaya

4.Smti Kukilla Marak,
W/o Late Newton G. Sangma,
R/o Ambari, P.O. Garobadha, P.S. Ampati,
Dist- South West Garo Hills, Meghalaya-794105 **… Respondent(s)**

Coram:

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

Appearance:

For the Petitioner(s) : Mr. P.R. Paske, Adv.

For the Respondent(s) : Ms. Z.E. Nongkynrih, GA (For R 1-3)
Mr. A.G. Momin, Adv. with
Ms. L.D. Sangma, Adv. (For R 4)

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

JUDGMENT:

1. Mr. P.R. Paske, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that as the Judge, Garo Hills Autonomous District Council (GHADC), has since been appointed, appropriate appeal will be filed before that forum. He however, prays that as the matter is yet to be filed, till the matter is taken up and further orders passed, the status quo order as directed by this Court be maintained.

2. Mr. A.G. Momin, learned counsel for the respondent No. 4, does not dispute the fact that the Judge has since been appointed. He also concurs to the submission made by Mr. P.R. Paske, learned counsel for the petitioner and submits that the matter can be closed and the same be pursued before the appellate forum of the Judge District Council Court.

3. On hearing the learned counsel for the parties and in view of the fresh appointment made, this writ petition is closed by allowing the petitioner to file an appropriate appeal before the Judge District Council Court. It is made clear that the question of condonation will be considered liberally in view of the fact that the office has just resumed functioning. It

is further provided that the directions contained in the order dated 25.09.2026, which is extracted below shall also be in force till further orders are passed by the appellate forum, in accordance with law.

> ***"It is provided that strict status quo shall be maintained by both the parties, and they are not to indulge in any action that might change the nature or destroy the suit property. The State respondents are also directed to maintain vigil over the same in accordance with law".***

4. With the above noted directions, this writ petition stands closed and is accordingly disposed of.

JUDGE

Meghalaya
26.10.2026
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