

ITEM NO.55

COURT NO.1

SECTION XIV

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CIVIL) Diary No(s). 19206/2023

(Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 27-03-2023 in WP(C) No.229/2023 passed by the High Court of Manipur at Imphal)

DINGANGLUNG GANGMEI**Petitioner(s)****VERSUS****MUTUM CHURAMANI MEETEI & ORS.****Respondent(s)**

(IA No.96000/2023-EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT and IA No.96003/2023-EXEMPTION FROM FILING AFFIDAVIT and IA No.96001/2023-PERMISSION TO FILE PETITION (SLP/TP/WP/..) and IA No.96002/2023-PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES IA No. 96003/2023 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING AFFIDAVIT IA No. 96000/2023 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT IA No. 96002/2023 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES IA No. 96001/2023 - PERMISSION TO FILE PETITION (SLP/TP/WP/..))

WITH**Diary No(s). 19210/2023 (XIV)**

(IA No.96004/2023-EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT and IA No.96006/2023-EXEMPTION FROM FILING AFFIDAVIT and IA No.96005/2023-PERMISSION TO FILE PETITION (SLP/TP/WP/..) and IA No.96007/2023-PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

W.P.(C) No. 540/2023 (PIL-W)
(FOR ADMISSION)

Date : 08-05-2023 These matters were called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PAMIDIGHANTAM SRI NARASIMHA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE J.B. PARDIWALA

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**UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R**

- 1 Mr Tushar Mehta, Solicitor General of India has stated that the State of Manipur is taking appropriate steps for recall of the order of the Single Judge of the High Court dated 27 March 2023 by moving the competent forum in that regard.
- 2 As regards the steps which have been taken for restoring normalcy, the Solicitor General has placed a statement on record which indicates, inter alia, that :
 - (a) 52 companies of Central Armed Police Forces and 105 columns of the Army/Assam Rifles have been deployed in Manipur;
 - (b) Flag marches have been conducted in disturbed areas;
 - (c) A senior level former police officer has been appointed as Security Adviser by the State Government and another senior officer has been repatriated yesterday from Central Deputation to serve as Chief Secretary to the Government of Manipur;
 - (d) Peace meetings have been conducted and vigilance is being maintained;
 - (e) Helicopters and drones are being used to monitor the situation in addition

to the extensive deployment of security forces;

- (f) Relief camps have been opened for displaced persons where rations and medical help are being provided; and
- (g) Movement of persons who are stranded is being facilitated through security forces.

- 3 The Solicitor General states that as a consequence of the measures which have been adopted, no violence has been reported in the State during the course of the previous two days and the situation is gradually returning to normalcy; curfew was relaxed today for a period of three to four hours across the State of Manipur in addition to the relaxation for a few hours yesterday in various parts of the State.
- 4 During the course of the hearing, counsel appearing on behalf of the contesting parties have voiced concerns over the need to preserve law and order and, in particular, to provide relief and rehabilitation.
- 5 Utmost vigil should be maintained to ensure that there is no recurrence of violence.
- 6 The Solicitor General has assured the Court that the concerns which have been placed on the record in the petition and in the additional affidavits which have been filed in the proceedings, shall be duly taken note of and such remedial steps as are required would be adopted on a proactive basis.
- 7 While expressing the concern of the court over the loss of human life and destruction of homesteads and places of worships, we emphasise the need for :

- (i) Ensuring that due arrangements are made in the relief camps by providing all basic amenities in terms of food and medical care;
 - (ii) Taking all necessary precautions for the rehabilitation of displaced persons; and
 - (ii) Protecting places of religious worship.
- 8 In the event that critical medical care is required to be extended to persons who are in the relief camps, the authorities shall make arrangements for ensuring that they are provided medical care either at Army hospitals or other suitable hospitals.
- 9 An updated status report shall be placed before this Court on behalf of the respondents before the next date of listing. The State of Manipur shall apprise this Court in regard to the steps taken to provide relief and rehabilitative measures.
- 10 List the petitions on 17 May 2023.

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