THE HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA WP (C) NO. 53/2014

Smti. Irene Patricia Hujon,

D/o (L) John Rangad, R/o Howell Road, Laban, Shillong, Dist: East Khasi Hills, Meghalaya.

:::: Petitioner

-VRS-

- State of Meghalaya represented by Secretary, Home (Police), Meghalaya, Shillong.
- 2. The Superintendent of Police,

::: Respondent

BEFORE THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE T NANDAKUMAR SINGH

For the Petitioner : Mr. J.Lalsangliana, Adv.

For the Respondent : Mr. S.Sen Gupta, Govt. Adv.

Date of hearing : **28.04.2014**

Date of Judgment & Order: 28.04.2014

JUDGMENT AND ORDER (ORAL)

Heard Mr. J.Lalsangliana, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and also Mr. S.Sen Gupta, learned Govt. Advocate appearing for respondent No. 1.

2. The only prayer sought for in the present writ petition is for a direction to the respondent No. 2 to issue a Police Verification Report for the petitioner for renewing her Passport from the Office of the Regional Passport, Guwahati, Assam.

- 3. It is stated that the petitioner obtained the International Passport from the Office of Regional Passport, Guwahati, Assam vide order dated 17.03.2004, and its validity was going to be expired on 16.03.2014. As the validity of her passport was going to be expired on 16.03.2014, she made an online application dated 23.11.2013 for extending or renewing the validity period of her passport and she also met the Officials of the Regional Passport Office, Guwahati, Assam for extending/renewing the validity period of her passport, for which police verification is required.
- 4. It is also stated that the petitioner filed an application dated 18.02.2014 directly to the Superintendent of Police, East Khasi Hills District, Shillong (respondent No 2) for issuing a Police Verification Report and the respondent No. 2 has not yet submitted the Police Verification Report for the petitioner.
- **5.** The respondent No. 2 filed joint affidavit-in-opposition wherein, it is stated that a criminal case is pending against the petitioner.
- 6. From the submissions of the learned counsel appearing for the parties and also on perusal of the record, it appears that the Regional Passport Office, Guwahati, Assam has not yet called the Police Verification Report from the respondent No. 2 for the purpose of renewing or extending the validity period of the petitioner's Passport.
- 7. Mr. S. Sen Gupta, learned GA appearing for the State respondents clearly stated that had there be any request from the Regional Passport Authority, Guwahati, Assam for submitting the Police Verification Report of the petitioner for extending/renewing the validity period of her passport, the respondent No. 2 would have submitted the

Police Verification Report to the Regional Passport Authority, Guwahati, Assam.

- 8. In the above context, this writ petition is disposed of by directing the petitioner to approach the Regional Passport Authority, Guwahti, Assam for calling the Police Verification Report of the petitioner from the respondent No. 2. Further, if there be any request from the side of the Regional Passport Authority, Guwahati, Assam for Police Verification Report of the petitioner in relation with renewal/extension of the petitioner's passport, the respondent No. 2 shall submit necessary Police Verification Report. It is also made clear that the respondent No. 2 has to submit the report as per the record promptly.
- **9.** With above observation and direction, this writ petition is disposed of.

JUDGE

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