

BEFORE
HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.R. SEN

WP (C) No.68 of 2012

29.08.2016

In this matter, earlier learned counsel Ms. SG Momin submitted that for the fact of her having argued other matter on a rather converse proposition, the petitioner would stand advised to engage other counsel to argue the matter and, hence, sought for adjournment.

Thereafter, on 27.07.2016, Mr. VGK Kynta, learned senior counsel present in the Court submitted that he wanted to complete his instructions. Today, Mr. VGK Kynta submits that no instructions are forthcoming from the petitioners.

Ordinarily, on the petitioners being not represented and not attending the matter, we would have considered closing down the matter but then, having perused the record, we find that this matter essentially involves the issues of general public importance and the present matter essentially partake the character of a Public Interest Litigation ['PIL'], where the Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council (Member's Pension) Act, 2002 ['the Act of 2002'] has been questioned as *ultra vires*; and directions have been sought that no pension be paid to any person in terms of the said Act of 2002.

Looking to the importance of the issues raised, we have requested learned senior counsel Mr. S Chakrawarty as also learned counsel Mr. HL Shangreiso, present in the Court to assist us as Amicus Curiae in this matter. Learned counsel have readily agreed to assist the Court on the issues involved in this matter.

Having regard to the circumstances, this petition henceforth shall be considered as a PIL and be registered accordingly. The office shall also supply a copy of the petition and the affidavits to each of the Amicus Curiae to enable them to prepare the matter.

List this matter after eight weeks.

JUDGE

CHIEF JUSTICE

Lam