

**BEFORE  
HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE**

**Crl. Petn. No.23 of 2017**

**26.02.2018**

The petitioner contends that they are the authorized agent of M/s Pradip Biri, Joyhind Biri and Ranjan Biri and looking after stocks and marketing their products in Garo Hills, Meghalaya. The contention of the petitioner is that they are not doing illegal business.

The fact that the petitioner is registered with the tax department of the State of Meghalaya and whether the taxes and levies are paid in the State of Meghalaya is a question of fact which needs investigation.

Consequently, no case for quashing the First Information Report is made out at this stage. The matter requires investigation and accordingly, I am of the opinion that the investigation must go on. However, the petitioner will not be arrested till the submission of report under Section 173 CrPC. The petitioner, however, will cooperate in the investigation.

This petition stands disposed of.

**CHIEF JUSTICE**