

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA
AT SHILLONG
: ORDER :**

PIL No.10 of 2017

Smti. Agnes Kharshiing Petitioner

-Versus-

Union of India & Ors Respondents

Date of Order : 23.02.2018

**PRESENT
HON'BLE SHRI JUSTICE TARUN AGARWALA, CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE SHRI JUSTICE S.R. SEN**

Shri N Syngkon, for the petitioner
Shri K Khan, Addl.GA

BY THE COURT: (per Hon'ble the Chief Justice) (ORAL)

The petitioner has filed the present writ petition in her individual capacity as Public Interest Litigation ['PIL'] seeking cancellation of the concession agreement entered between the Government of Meghalaya and M/s Shimnit Utsch India Pvt. Ltd.-respondent No.9. The contention of the petitioner in brief is that the rates accepted by the Government with regard to High Security Registration Plates is very high as compared to the rates given by other parties in other States. The contention is that the contract which has been awarded to the private respondents is causing a huge loss to the State exchequer.

Before we proceeded to entertain the writ petition, we found that the petitioner had earlier filed several PILs which have been depicted in paragraph 7 of the writ petition. Most of the writ petitions were dismissed on withdrawn. Therefore, the Court is prima facie of the opinion that in order to test the bonafide of the petitioner, it would be essential for the petitioner to deposit a certain amount by way of costs. In the event the Court finds that the petitioner is a bonafide citizen and has raised an issue in public

interest, the tentative costs so deposited would be refunded but in the event the Court finds that it is a frivolous PIL in that eventuality, the costs deposited would be forfeited. We accordingly direct the petitioner to deposit a sum of Rs.50,000/- before the Registrar General of this Court as a pre-condition for entertaining this PIL.

After the aforesaid order was passed, the learned counsel submitted that he wants to withdraw the writ petition.

Permission granted.

The writ petition is dismissed as withdrawn.

JUDGE

CHIEF JUSTICE