

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF MANIPUR : AT IMPHAL**

**W.P.(C) No. 544 of 2020**

***Solemton Awungshi***

***... Petitioner***

**-Versus-**

**State of Manipur & anr.**

***...Respondents***

**B E F O R E**

**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KH. NOBIN SINGH**

***(Video Conference)***

**21.10.2020**

Heard Mr. R.S.Reisang, learned Sr. Advocate appearing for the petitioner.

**[2]** According to the petitioner, Shri (L) A.S.Wungpam was the true owner of the land acquired for the expansion of the National Highway No. 202 as double lane highway. Initially the said land was gifted to the Government of Manipur by way of a Gift Deed for the purpose of shifting Chingai Sub-Division Head Quarter at Nungbi (Longpi) but after the said Gift Deed being cancelled vide order dated 27.08.1991, the said land was re-conveyed to (L) Shri A.S.Wungpam.

**[3]** After the demise of (L) A.S. Wungpam on 21.08.2010, the ownership of the land automatically developed upon his sons as it is customary norm in the Tangkhul custom for the male members to inherit the movable & immovable properties of the family. The petitioner is one of the three sons of (L) A.S.Wungpam.

**[4]** A public Notice dated 03.08.2020 was issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Ukhrul wherein the names of the owner in respect of Survey Area LKJ 27, LKJ 29, LKJ 30, LKJ 69 and LKJ 72 have been

wrongly entered in the records. The name of Shri R.Vaoyang shown as the owner in respect of the said lands, is erroneous and fallacious. Thereafter, the petitioner being aggrieved by the said notice, submitted a representation dated 04.09.2020 to the Deputy Commissioner, Ukhrul for rectifying the error with a request to re-survey the said portions of the land in order to ascertain the real land owners to avoid future complicity. A fresh representation dated 03.10.2020 was submitted by Shri A.S.Saphei to the Deputy Commissioner, Ukhrul requesting him to recognise the petitioner as the true owner of the land and for allowing him to withdraw his earlier representation dated 18.08.2020 with a prayer to cancel/delete the name of Shri R.Vaoyang as he owns no land in the stretch of NH-202 (Longpi Kajui to Kalhang).

**[5]** When the matter is taken up for consideration, it has been submitted by Mr. R.S.Reisang, learned Sr. Advocate for the petitioner that the instant Writ Petition can be disposed of by issuing an innocuous order and accordingly, the present Writ Petition stands disposed of with the direction that the respondents shall consider the representation dated 03.10.2020 submitted by the petitioner within a period of 1(one) month from the date of receipt of a copy of this order by issuing a speaking order in respect thereof.

Copies of this order shall be sent to the learned counsels appearing for the parties through their WhatsApp/e-mail.

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