

HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA
AT SHILLONG

WP(C). No. 50 of 2021

Date of Order: 25.02.2021

Shri. Thwingland Lyngkhoi

Vs. State of Meghalaya & 2 Ors.

Coram:

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ranjit More, Judge.

Appearance:

For the Petitioner/Appellant(s) : Mr. B. Khyriem, Adv.

For the Respondent(s) : Mr. K.Khan, Sr. GA with
Mr. A.Kharwanlang, GA.
Ms. R.Colney, GA.

1. Mr. K.Khan, learned Sr. GA for the respondents at the outset placed on record a communication dated 22-01-2021 addressed to the Chief Secretaries/Administrators of States/Union Territories by the Joint Director of Census Operations, Office of the Registrar General, India. The said communication discloses that owing to the prevailing conditions due to the COVID-19 pandemic in the country, the time period for conducting the ensuing census is not yet decided and in view of this, the date of freezing the boundaries of Administrative units has been extended to 31-03-2021. It is specifically made clear that boundaries of the Administrative units for the ensuing Census will be frozen on 31-03-2021.

2. The petitioner has already filed a representation dated 22-02-2021 to the Deputy Commissioner, West Khasi Hills District, Nongstoin and Block Development Officer, Mawthadraishan Community & Rural Development Block. Copy of the same is brought on record by filing additional affidavit. The petitioner approached this High Court as the last date for freezing of boundaries of the Administrative Units for the ensuing Census was fixed on 28-02-2021. It is now clear from the communication referred above dated

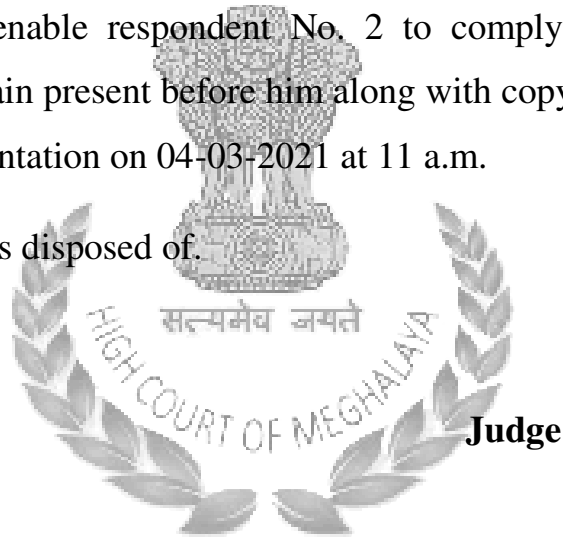
22-01-2021, that the last date of freezing of boundaries of Administrative Units for the ensuing Census is extended to 31-03-2021.

3. In the above facts and circumstances, I am of the considered view that this petition can be disposed of by directing respondent No. 2 to decide petitioner's representation dated 22-02-2021, copy of which is annexed as Annexure-A at page 4 of the additional affidavit as expeditiously as possible and in any case within the period of 2(two) weeks from the date of receipt of this order. Ordered accordingly.

4. It is made clear that I have not gone into the merits of the matter and all points and contention of the respective parties are kept open. Respondent No. 2 shall decide the said representation of the petitioner in accordance with law after hearing the petitioner and by passing speaking order.

5. In order to enable respondent No. 2 to comply with this order, petitioner shall remain present before him along with copy of this order and copy of said representation on 04-03-2021 at 11 a.m.

6. Petition stands disposed of.



Meghalaya
25.02.2021
"Samantha PS"