

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

**W.P.(C) No. 647 of 2022**

RN Livingjoy & 20 ors.

***...Petitioner/s***

***Vs.***

State of Manipur & anr.

***...Respondent/s***

**B E F O R E  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AHANTHEM BIMOL SINGH**

**31-10-2022**

Heard Mr. N. Ibotombi, learned senior counsel assisted by Ms. M. Babina, learned counsel appearing for the petitioners and Mr. Th. Sukumar, learned GA appearing for the respondents.

[2] In view of the simple issue involved in the present writ petition and as agreed by the learned counsel appearing for the parties, the present writ petition is being disposed of at the admission stage itself without waiting for the counter affidavit of the respondents.

[3] The case of the petitioners is that a memorandum of agreement was executed between the State Government represented by the Hon'ble Minister, Water Resources, Manipur and the Joint Action Committee against Forced Construction of Mapithel Dam, Manipur (JACAFCM) and Mapithel Dam Affected Headman/Chiefs & Elders Organization (MDAHCEO) on 04-12-2020. In the said agreement, it is, inter alia, agreed between the said parties that Rs. 1.5 lakh shall be paid to the affected families as Economic Livelihood Rehabilitation Packages for the affected villagers who were directly affected by the construction of the Mapithel Dam before 31<sup>st</sup>

December, 2020 from the State budget. The case of the petitioners is that in terms of the said agreement, the State Government has already released an amount of Rs. 28,78,50,000/- (Rupees twenty-eight crore seventy-eight lakhs fifty thousand) only for payment as the livelihood economic rehabilitation to the affected villagers of Thoubal Multipurpose Project. It has been also submitted by the learned senior counsel appearing for the petitioners that in respect of the Thawai (T) village, the State Government has released an amount of Rs. 5,10,00,000/- (Rupees five crore ten lakhs) only for payment to 340 number of villagers and that the Deputy Commissioner, Kamjong had already released the said amount to many of the affected villagers of Thawai (T) village, however, the amount payable to the petitioners has not been released by the said Deputy Commissioner, Kamjong till today.

**[4]** The learned senior counsel for the petitioners submitted that the present writ petition can be disposed of by directing the DC, Kamjong to release the said amount to the present petitioners within a stipulated period. Mr. Th. Sukumar, learned Government Advocate fairly submitted that the present writ petition can be disposed of by directing the Deputy Commissioner, Kamjong District to release the aforesaid sanctioned amount due payable to the present petitioners after due verification, if the said amount has not already been paid to the petitioners.

**[5]** In view of the submissions made above by the learned counsel appearing for the parties, the present writ petition is disposed of by directing the Deputy Commissioner, Kamjong District to release the said Livelihood Economic Rehabilitation amount due payable to the present petitioners after due verification within a period of 6(six) weeks from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

**[6]** With the aforesaid directions, the present writ petition is disposed of.

**JUDGE**

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