

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

PIL No. 4 of 2023

Shri Sanasam Ratankumar Singh, aged about 44 years,
S/o S. Ningthemjao Singh, a resident of Tentha Heibung, P.O.
Wangjing, P.S. Khongjom, District Thoubal, Manipur-795148.

Petitioner

Vs.

1. The State of Manipur, represented by the Chief Secretary,
Government of Manipur, Secretariat South Block, Babupara,
P.O. & P.S. Imphal, District Imphal West, Manipur-795001.
2. The Union of India, represented by the Secretary, Ministry of
Law & Justice (Department of Justice), Government of India,
Jaisalmer House, 26-Man Singh Road, New Delhi-110011.

Respondents

BEFORE
**HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. SANJAY KUMAR
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MV MURALIDARAN**

ORDER (ORAL)

***Sanjay Kumar (C.J.):
31.01.2023.***

[1] By way of this writ petition filed in public interest, the petitioner seeks establishment of Gram Nyayalayas in the State of Manipur, as provided under Section 3 of the Gram Nyayalayas Act, 2008. He also seeks directions to the Central Government to provide adequate financial assistance for this purpose.

[2] Mr. P. Tamphamani, learned counsel, appears for the petitioner. Mr. M. Devananda, learned Additional Advocate General, Manipur; and Mr. Kh. Samarjit, learned DSGI, offer to take notice for respondents No. 1 & 2 respectively.

[3] However, the Registry of this Court has placed before us a copy of W.P. (Civil) No. 1067 of 2019 pending for consideration before the Supreme Court of India. This writ petition was filed under Article 32 of the Constitution by the National Federation of Societies for Fast Justice and another. The High Court of Manipur is arrayed therein as respondent No. 17. The Supreme Court is therefore seized of all issues arising in relation to implementation of Section 3 of the Gram Nyayalayas Act, 2008, including establishment of such Gram Nyayalas in the State of Manipur. This Court, therefore, sees no reason to entertain this writ petition filed in public interest. All the more so, as the prayers made in W.P. (Civil) No. 1067 of 2019 are identical to the prayers in the present case, that is, with regard to taking immediate steps for constitution of Gram Nyayalayas and to issue directions to the Central Government to provide adequate financial support for that purpose.

[4] It is left open to the petitioner to file a case afresh in the event any issue still remains for consideration after disposal of the case pending before the Supreme Court of India.

Subject to the said observation, this writ petition is dismissed

No order as to costs.

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JUDGE

CHIEF JUSTICE