

HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA
AT SHILLONG

Crl.A.No.18/2021

Date of order: 25.03.2022

Gaisinglung Meiringmei Vs. National Investigation Agency (NIA)

Coram:

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjib Banerjee, Chief Justice

Hon'ble Mr. Justice W. Diengdoh, Judge

Appearance:

For the Petitioner/Appellant(s) : Mr. S Thapa, Adv

For the Respondent(s) : Dr. N Mozika, ASG with

Ms. L Jana, Adv

Mr. K. Ch Gautam, Adv

The petitioner herein faces charges, inter alia, under Sections 16, 18, 20 and 21 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967. The present matter is a consequence of the recent rejection of the petitioner's prayer for bail by an order of the Special Court on October 26, 2021. According to the petitioner, there is no serious case made out against him. The petitioner says that the tardy progress at the trial may result in the petitioner remaining incarcerated for years together without there being any serious material against the petitioner.

Since the trial has commenced, the concerned Special Court is requested to ensure that the trial is taken up on a regular basis and without affording any adjournment to either side. The Investigating Agency should ensure the presence of the relevant witnesses so that the trial is not delayed on such account.

The matter will appear six weeks hence for the progress in the trial during the interregnum to be assessed. If there is no meaningful progress and if the evidence already adduced against the petitioner till such date does not reveal any serious case against the petitioner, the prayer for bail may be acceded to.

List on May 9, 2022.

(W. Diengdoh)
Judge

(Sanjib Banerjee)
Chief Justice

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