

HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA
AT SHILLONG

PIL No. 4 of 2021 with
MC(PIL) No. 2 of 2021

Date of order: 10.02.2026

Registrar General, High Court vs State of Meghalaya & ors.
of Meghalaya

Managing Director, Indigo vs Registrar General, High Court
of Meghalaya

Coram:

Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Revati Mohite Dere, Chief Justice
Hon'ble Mr. Justice W. Diengdoh, Judge

Appearance:

For the Petitioner : Mr P. Yobin, Amicus Curiae with
Ms B.L. Lyngkhoi, Adv.

For the Respondents : Mr K. Khan, AAG with
Mr A.H. Kharwanlang, Addl Sr GA
Dr N. Mozika, DSGI with
Ms. K. Gurung, Adv.

Dr N. Mozika, learned DSGI has tendered an affidavit of
Shri Mughavi Zhimo, General Manager, Air Traffic Management,
Regional Headquarters, Guwahati Airports Authority of India
dated **9th February, 2026**. The said affidavit is taken on record.

2. Mr Khan, learned AAG has also tendered the Action Taken
Report on behalf of the State government. The same is also
taken on record. From the said report, it appears that 11.75

acres of private land required for expansion of the runway is ready to be handed over to the respondent - Airports Authority of India. As far as handing over of 10.30 acres of defence land is concerned, learned AAG submits that the same is also in process and that an MOU will be executed at the earliest with the Defence Pipeline Personnel, subject to the Defence Personnel accepting the draft MOU forwarded.

3. Considering what is disclosed to us, by Mr Khan, we request the Defence authorities to expedite the process with respect to the balance 10.30 acres of defence land, since the project relates to expansion of Shillong Airport runway.

4. The total land required for the expansion of the current airport at Shillong is 22.05 acres. Dr Mozika submits that out of the said 22.05 acres, 11.75 acres of land has already been identified and will be handed over by the State, as soon as the Airports Authorities complete their survey. It further appears from the affidavit tendered by Dr. Mozika, that the tender for the work of expansion of the airport was issued on **9th September,**

2025; that the technical bids were opened on **27th October, 2025;** and, that L-1 bidder has been identified. It further appears from the affidavit that the L-1's financial bid has been accepted by the competent authority of the Airports Authority of India and the work order will be awarded to the bidder after receipt of environmental clearances from the concerned authority.

5. Learned AAG submits that the 11.75 acres will be handed over by the State, at the earliest as soon as the Airports Authority of India conducts its formalities i.e., conducts its survey. We are informed that the said exercise i.e., survey and handing over of land will be done within two weeks from today.

6. Dr N.Mozika, learned DSGI further on instructions states that the process for obtaining environmental clearances has already commenced and that the said process is expected to be completed by the end of February, 2026.

7. At this stage, Dr. N. Mozika, states that the trading license that is required from a non-tribal contractor for

executing the work order preferred by L-1 is pending before the Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council (KHADC) and that the said authority be directed to expedite the process. Since an application has been filed by L-1, for issuance of a certificate as stated aforesaid, we request the KHADC to decide the said application if pending, expeditiously and in any event within three weeks, on its own merits, in accordance with law.

8. At this stage, Dr N. Mozika, learned DSGI informs us that as soon as necessary environmental clearance is received, work order will be issued to L-1 and that the work will be completed within 18 months thereafter.

9. Stand over to **12th March, 2026.**

(W. Diengdoh)
Judge

(Revati Mohite Dere)
Chief Justice

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