

Date of order: 10.05.2022

Coram:

Appearance:

For the Petitioner : Mr. P. Yobin, Amicus Curiae

For the Respondents : Mr. A. Kumar, AG with
Mr. S. Sengupta, Addl. Sr. GA
Ms. R. Colney, GA
Dr. N. Mozika, ASG with
Ms. S. Rumthao, Adv.

As it turns out, the Airports Authority of India reports that it may not be possible to expand the existing airport or the runway thereat to accommodate larger aircraft. The State also agrees that the cost involved in felling the nearby mountains may not yield commensurate benefit.

Learned Advocate-General reports that following the AAI's indication that a greenfield project could be commenced elsewhere upon 2000 acre of land being available, the State proposes to invite expressions of interest from the general public by May 15, 2022. The State also submits that some sites have been tentatively identified and it is for the AAI to take a call upon any favourable response to the invitation for expression of interest.

Accordingly, let the matter stand over for two months for the State and the AAI to report on the progress.

List on July 11, 2022.

(W. Diengdoh)
Judge

(Sanjib Banerjee)
Chief Justice

Meghalaya
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