

HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA
AT SHILLONG

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

Date of order: 24.10.2024

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

Managing Director, Indigo vs. Registrar General, High Court
of Meghalaya & ors.

Coram:

Hon'ble Mr. Justice I.P. Mukerji, Chief Justice
Hon'ble Mr. Justice W. Diengdoh, Judge

Appearance:

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

For the Respondents : Mr. K. Khan, AAG with
Mr. A.H. Kharwanlang, Addl.Sr.GA
Ms. A. Thungwa, GA
Dr. N. Mozika, DSGI with
Ms. L.M.D. Marak, Adv.

The subject-matter of this Public Interest Litigation (PIL) is development and expansion of the Shillong Airport. The runway strip of the airport is currently 1800 metres. The minimum length of the runway required for landing of large jet planes is 2400 metres. At the moment only smaller planes of the description ATR and small size jets can land on this runway strip.

All the authorities who are represented by learned counsel before us are ad idem that this development and expansion should be executed as early as possible. The major requirement is land for

augmentation of the runway. The State government is in the process of acquiring land and handing it over to the airport authorities.

The final decision with regard to approval and execution of this project is with the Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).

Considering the submissions made, we think that it would be proper if this matter is suitably adjourned to hear the submissions of learned counsel representing the Airports Authority of India, Central and State governments as to the progress made in this behalf. We think that this matter be adjourned for six weeks.

List this PIL on 16th December, 2024.

(W. Diengdoh)
Judge

(I.P. Mukerji)
Chief Justice

Meghalaya
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