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HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA
AT SHILLONG

W.P.(Crl.) No. 2 of 2021

Date of Decision: 10.08.2022

Shri. Chandra Mohan Jha & 3 Ors. Vs. State of Meghalaya & Anr.

Coram:

Hon'ble Mr. Justice W. Diengdoh, Judge

Appearance:

For the Petitioner/Appellant(s)	:	Mr. D.K. Dutta, Adv.
For the Respondent(s)	:	Mr. K. Khan, Special PP. with Ms. D.L. Marshilong, Adv.

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| i) | Whether approved for reporting in
Law journals etc. | Yes/No |
| ii) | Whether approved for publication
in press: | Yes/No |

ORDER (ORAL):

1. Heard Mr. D.K. Dutta, learned counsel for the petitioners.
2. Also heard Mr. K. Khan, learned Special PP for the State respondents.
3. The learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that pursuant to the relevant order passed by this Court, the Investigating Officer has allowed the petitioners to peruse the voluminous documents and to sort out the relevant documents, for which copies of the same be given to the



petitioners. In this regard, the petitioners has submitted that the I/O has had a meeting with them and some relevant documents have been identified, however to complete the process, it take some time. This being the primary prayer of the petitioners, the learned counsel has submitted that the other prayers would not be pressed, if this Court directs the concerned I/O to cooperate with the petitioners and to supply the relevant documents and papers entitled by them. In the meantime, until the said process is completed, the proceedings before the Trial Court may be kept in abeyance as was done so by the interim order of this Court.

4. Mr. K. Khan, learned Special PP in all fairness has submitted that the State respondents would have no grievance to the prayer made by the petitioners herein and to this extent, the petition may be disposed of accordingly.

5. On consideration of the submission made, without going into the merits of this petition, this Court is convinced that this petition may be disposed of on the limited prayer made. Accordingly, the ongoing process of identification of the relevant documents and papers entitled to by the petitioners, for which the I/O is directed to sort out and hand over copies of the same to the petitioners and on completion of the process be continued, with a report to be filed before the Trial Court for continuation of the



proceedings after the same is completed. However, the I/O is directed to complete the process preferably within a period of three months.

6. In the meantime, as prayed for, the related proceedings before the Trial Court is kept in abeyance.

7. In view of the above, this petition is accordingly disposed of.

Judge

Meghalaya
10.08.2022
"D. Nary, PS"

