



Serial No. 01
Supplementary List

HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA
AT SHILLONG

WP(C) No. 327 of 2023

Date of Decision: 04.10.2023

Shri. Raphios Lyngdoh Mawnai & 2 Ors. Vs. Mawnai Village & 3 Ors.

Coram:

Hon'ble Mr. Justice H. S. Thangkhiew, Judge

Appearance:

For the Petitioner/Appellant(s) : Mr. H.L. Shangreiso, Sr. Adv. with
Mr. T. Dkhar, Adv.

For the Respondent(s) :

i) Whether approved for reporting in Law journals etc.: Yes/No

ii) Whether approved for publication in press: Yes/No

Oral:

1. As the matter in issue is limited only to the grievance that the petitioners have been barred from becoming members or office bearers in Mawnai Village by a resolution taken by the Village Dorbar, in connection with a pending dispute, as to the creation of a new village



known as Kshemawnai, without issuance of notice to the respondents, this matter is being disposed of at the motion stage only.

2. It is clear from the pleadings that the grievance of the writ petitioners is against the Village Dorbar of Mawnai Village, which comes under the administrative control of the pro-forma respondent No. 4, that is the Syiem Nongkhlaw, which is the appropriate appellate authority to decide in such disputes. It is further noted that even the District Council, which is the regulatory body over Syiemships, has also not been impleaded as a party by the writ petitioners.

3. In view of this matter, as the writ petitioners have recourse to alternative remedy for redressal of their grievances before the respondent No. 4 at the first instance, this writ petition is not entertained at this stage and is accordingly disposed of.

4. Parties are therefore at liberty to approach the respondent No. 4, with regard to the dispute regarding the prohibition of becoming them office bearers from Mawnai Village.

5. Matter accordingly stands closed and disposed of.

Judge

Meghalaya
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