

**HIGH COURT OF SIKKIM**

Record of proceedings

**W.P. (C) No. 25 of 2022**

SHRI MAN KUMAR BASNETT & ORS.

.... PETITIONERS

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

.... RESPONDENTS

Date: 17.05.2023

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**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE BHASKAR RAJ PRADHAN, J.**

For Petitioners : Mr. N. Rai, Senior Advocate (Legal Aid Counsel)  
With Mr. Yozan Rai, Advocate (Legal Aid Counsel),  
Mr. Pradeep Tamang and Ms. Tara Devi  
Chettri, Advocates.

For Respondent : Ms. Sangita Pradhan, Deputy Solicitor General  
No. 1. of India, assisted by Ms. Natasha Pradhan and  
Ms. Purnima Subba, Advocates.

For Respondent : Mr. Debal Kumar Banerji, Senior Advocate with  
No.2. Ms. Gita Bista and Ms. Pratikcha Gurung,  
Advocates.  
Ms. Sangita Pradhan, Deputy Solicitor  
General of India, assisted by Ms. Natasha  
Pradhan and Ms. Purnima Subba, Advocates.

For Respondent : Dr. Doma T. Bhutia, Additional Advocate General.  
Nos.3 & 4.

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1. Arguments concluded.
2. Judgment reserved.

**Judge**