

**HIGH COURT OF SIKKIM**  
**Record of Proceedings**

**WP(C) No.49 of 2017**

SRI GURU SINGH SABHA AND ANOTHER	PETITIONERS
<i>VERSUS</i>	
THE STATE OF SIKKIM AND OTHERS	RESPONDENTS

**Date: 03.10.2023**

CORAM:

**THE HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MEENAKSHI MADAN RAI, JUDGE**

For Petitioners

P-1                      Dr. Navin Barik, Advocate.  
                                 Mr. Sandip Majumdar, Advocate.

P-2                      None present.

For Respondents

R-1, R-2, R-3              Mr. Zangpo Sherpa, Additional Advocate General.  
& R-5                      Mr. Sujan Sunwar, Assistant Government Advocate.

R-4                      Mr. Jorgay Namka, Senior Advocate.  
                                 Mr. Palden Wangchuk Bhutia, Advocate.

**ORDER**

During the preparation of the Judgment the *status quo* Order dated 13-09-2017 was perused.

The matter was listed today to enquire from the parties the status at the disputed site in view of the Order of *status quo* issued on 13-09-2017 by a Bench comprising of the then Hon'ble Chief Justice.

It is relevant to note that the term implies the existing state of things at a given point in time, and in Wharton's Law Lexicon, 14<sup>th</sup> Edition, *status quo* has been defined as *the existing state of things at any given date*.

It was clarified by Learned Counsel for the Petitioner No.1, Learned Additional Advocate General for the State-Respondents No.1, 2, 3 and 5 and Learned Senior Counsel for the Respondent No.4 that from the date of the said Order, the Shrine has been locked and there are no prayers offered therein.

The matter is reserved for Judgment.

**Judge**  
03.10.2023