

**HIGH COURT OF SIKKIM**

Record of proceedings

**W.P. (C) No. 07 of 2024**

MRS. ZUMDEN LHAMU BHTIA & ORS. .... PETITIONERS

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS. .... RESPONDENTS

Date: 13.03.2024

CORAM :

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

For Petitioners : Mr. Jorgay Namka, Senior Advocate  
with Mr. Abishek Tamang, Advocate.

For Respondent : Ms. Sangita Pradhan, Deputy Solicitor  
Nos. 1 & 2. General of India (*through V.C.*)  
Ms. Purnima Subba, Advocate  
Ms. Natasha Pradha, Advocate.

For Respondent : None.  
Nos. 3 & 4

For Respondent : Mr. S.K. Chettri, Government  
Nos. 5 & 6 Advocate.  
Mr. Yadev Sharma, Government  
Advocate.  
Mr. Sujan Sunwar, Assistant  
Government Advocate.

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**1.** Heard Mr. Jorgay Namka, learned Senior Counsel for the petitioners. Issue notice upon the respondents, subject to filing of requisites within three days. The learned Deputy Solicitor General of India appears on behalf of respondent nos. 1 and 2 and the learned Government Advocate appears on behalf of respondent nos. 5 and 6 accepts notice and waives formal notice thereof.

**2.** Counter-affidavits may be filed within a period of four weeks by the respondents who are appearing today. Two weeks thereafter, to the petitioners, to file rejoinder, if needed.

**3.** List on 09.05.2024.

**Judge**