Supple. Item Nos. 1 & 2

IN THE HIGH COURT OF MANIPUR
AT IMPHAL

PIL No. 21 of 2026

1. The Development for Hills, a society/regd. organization bearing Regd. No. 100/UD/SR/1992, having its registered office at Mayophung Village, Ukhrul District, Manipur 795145, through its President namely Shri L. Diamond, aged about 70 years old, S/o Lungshi, a resident of Lambui Village, Grihang, Ukhrul Litan, P.O. & P.S. Litan, Ukhrul District, Manipur-795145.
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... Petitioners

-Versus-

1. The Union of India represented by the Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India, Kartavya Bhawan-01, Kartavya Path, Rajpath Area, Central Secretariat, New Delhi, 110001.
2. The State of Manipur represented by its Chief Secretary, Govt. of Manipur, Secretariat Complex, Mantripukhri, P.O. Mantripukhri & P.S. Heingang, Imphal East District, Manipur 795002.
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4. The Director, Tribal Affairs & Hills, Government of Manipur, Imphal having its office at Babupara, P.O. & P.S. Imphal, Imphal West District, Manipur-795001

....Respondents

With
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....Respondents

BEFORE
HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. M. SUNDAR
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AHANTHEM BIMOL SINGH

For petitioners	Mr. N. Jotendro, Senior Advocate, instructed by Mr. Syed Murtaza, Advocate
For the respondents.	Mr. S. Chittaranjan, learned Addl. AG along with Mr. A. Priyokumar Sharma, learned State counsel for R2 to R4 (respondent Nos.2 to 4) and Mr. W. Darakeshwar, learned Sr. PCCG (Senior Panel Counsel for Central Government) for R1 (respondent No.1).
Date of Judgment & Order	**06.11.2026**

JUDGMENT AND ORDER

(ORAL)

(M. Sundar, CJ)

[1] Mr. N. Jotendro, learned senior advocate instructed by Mr. Syed Murtaza Ahmed, learned counsel on record for PiL (Public Interest Litigation) petitioners/MC (Miscellaneous Case) applicants is before this Court (physical Court).

[2] Learned senior counsel submits that subject matter of captioned PiL pertains to grant from Union of India to State of Manipur which shall be charged qua consolidated fund of India as Grants-in-Aid *vide* Article 275(1) of the Constitution of India and it pertains to funds from financial year 2025-26 onwards. Learned senior counsel submits that Guidelines have been put in place, there should be equitable distribution but the Guidelines have been given a go by.

[3] It is submitted that under such circumstances, the petitioners came to this Court earlier by filing PiL No. 13 of 2026 and the same along with the MC thereat was disposed of by this Court in and by an order dated 05.08.2026.

[4] Learned senior counsel draws our attention to afore-referred 05.08.2026 order in the earlier PiL being PiL No. 13 of 2026 and the same reads as follows:

> '*IN THE HIGH COURT OF MANIPUR*
> *AT IMPHAL*
>
> ***PIL No. 13 of 2026***
>
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> *...Petitioner/s*
>
> *Vrs.*
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...Respondent/s

MC(PIL) No. 15 of 2026

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B E F O R E

HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. M. SUNDAR

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AHANTHEM BIMOL SINGH

For the petitioner	*::*	*Mr. N. Jotendro, Senior Advocate instructed by Md. Abdul Baqee Khan, Advocate*
For the respondents	*::*	*Mr. S. Chittaranjan, Addl.AG along with Mr. Y. Max, Advocate*

Date of Judgment & Order	*::*	*05-08-2026*

JUDGMENT & ORDER

(ORAL)

(Order of the Court was made by the Hon'ble Chief Justice)

[1] The following abbreviations/short forms have been used in this order (for sake of brevity, convenience and clarity):

Sl. No.	*Abbreviation/Short Form/other short references*	*Full Form/Expansion*
1.	*R-1*	*First Respondent*
2.	*R-2*	*Second Respondent*
3.	*R-3*	*Third Respondent*
4.	*R-4*	*Fourth Respondent*
5.	*PIL*	*Public Interest Litigation*
6.	*MC*	*Miscellaneous Case*
7.	*CGSC*	*Central Government Standing Counsel*
8.	*Addl.AG*	*Additional Advocate General for the State of Manipur (Mr. S. Chittaranjan)*
9.	*RTI*	*Right to Information*
10.	*RTI Act.*	*The Right to Information Act, 2005 (22 of 2005)*

[2] Mr. N. Jotendro, learned senior advocate instructed by Md. Abdul Baqee Khan, learned counsel on record for PIL petitioners who are also MC applicants is before this Court (Physical Court).

[3] Subject matter of captioned PIL is grants from the Union to the State of Manipur which shall be charged on Consolidated Fund of India as grants-in-aid vide Article 275(1) of Constitution of India for the financial years 2025-2026 onwards.

[4] Case of the PIL petitioners is that the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India has issued Revised Guidelines dated 30-12-2025 for allocation of funds and implementation of programs/activities vide Article 275 of the Constitution of India and the Proviso thereat. PIL petitioners, after taking the RTI route and getting details inter alia pertaining to construction of ten multipurpose-cum-community halls and the beneficiary selection list under livelihood scheme have come to this Court complaining inter alia of lack of parity in allocation/implementation by State Government.

[5] Five representations dated 02-05-2026; 26-05-2026; 03-06-2026; 03-06-2026, received by Addl. Chief Secretary/Chief Secretary on the same dates itself and one undated representation which was received by Addl. Chief Secretary on 26-05-2026, (collectively referred to as 'said representations' for the sake of convenience and clarity) have been sent on the afore-referred subject but there is no response

and this has necessitated the filing of captioned PIL together with captioned MC thereat is learned counsel's say.

[6] Issue notice.

[7] Mr. S. Chittaranjan, learned Addl. A.G. for State of Manipur along with Mr. Y. Max, learned State counsel who are present in this Court accept notice for R-2 to R-4. Mr. S. Kaminikumar, leaned Central Government Standing Counsel (CGSC) accepts notice for R-1.

[8] To be noted, at this juncture this Court deems it appropriate to write that it is to be noted that as regards the captioned matter, R-1 is more in the nature of a formal party being grantor qua grants vide Article 275(1).

[9] As regards R-2 to R-4, learned Addl. A.G. for the State of Manipur submits that said representations shall be examined and R-3 (The Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Commissioner, Tribal Affairs & Hills Department, Government of Manipur) will make proceedings/orders on the same.

[10] In the light of the afore-referred fair stand taken by the learned Addl. A.G., learned senior counsel for PIL petitioners, on instructions, descopes the prayers in captioned PIL (for the present) and submits that the proceedings/ orders qua said representations to be made by R-3 may please be directed to be made within a time frame with a further direction to serve the same on the counsel on record for PIL petitioners.

[11] In the light of the narrative thus far, with the consent of the learned senior counsel and counsel on both sides, main PIL is taken up in the admission Board itself dispensing with the need to file an affidavit-in-opposition and also give a closure to the main PIL vide directions which shall be set out infra.

[12] Before doing so, this Court deems it appropriate to set out the scanned reproduction of said representations (5 representations) and the same are as follows:

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OFFICE OF THE
DEVELOPMENT FOR HILLS

Annexure-A/2 (series)

Govt. Registered No. 100/UD/SR/1992

Registered Office Address: Mayophung Village, Ukhrul District, Manipur - 795145

Ref. No. .....

Date 02/05/26

To,

The Additional Chief Secretary,
Government of Manipur,
Imphal

Subject: Request for immediate action to cancel and re-examine for inequitable distribution of funds under articles 275 (1) grants for developmental works and livelihood schemes/ projects, Tribal Affairs and Hills, Govt. of Manipur.

Respected Sir,

We, the undersigned, Development for Hills, writes to express our deep concern regarding the bias attitude and inequitable distribution of funds under Article 275(1) by the current concern Minister, Tribal Affairs & Hills.

That, while hoping for equal share / development and upliftment of poor tribals in the state the bias attitude of the current minister, Tribal Affairs and Hills, Manipur is very unfortunate. During this, such a fragile situation, distribution of developmental funds and schemes are not equal by allotting all developmental funds and livelihood schemes/ projects under article 275 (1) only for **Kangpokpi and Churachandpur** district. Therefore, it is like pouring fuel to the flames, instead of healing division.

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Therefore sir, your kind consideration and immediate intervention in this regards would definitely bring equitable growth and governance in the state.
I shall ever remain thankful.

TRUE COPY
Advocate

Enclosed copy of prioritized proposal approved by PAC for Manipur.

Copy to:

1. PS to Chief Secretary, Govt. of Manipur
2. Director, Tribal Affairs & Hills

Yours faithfully,
(L. DIAMOND)
President
Development for Hills
#8974686200

Office of the
Addl. Chief Secy (TA&H)
R.R. 825
Date 02-05-2026

Smt. M. Baby Devi 7-26
Oath Commissioner (Judicial)
Imphal West District & High Court
Regd. No. 602/2028

Annexure V

Prioritized Proposals Approved by PAC: Manipur

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Total Cost 2025-26 & 2026-2027	Amount Sought for 2025-2026 & 2026-2027	Proposed Target.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
A:	CAPITAL			
1.	Construction of Multipurpose cum Community Hall in the hill areas of Manipur.	450.00	450.00	10 nos.
2.	Construction of Pedestrian Suspension Bridge in the hill areas of Manipur.	220.00	220.00	5 nos.
3.	Construction of Inter village road in the hill area of Manipur.	45.00	45.00	1 nos.
4.	Livelihood	1070.00	1070.00	99 nos.
	GRAND TOTAL:-	**1785.00**	**1785.00**	

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Advocate

27-2-26

Smt. M. Buby Devi
Oath Commissioner (Judicial)
Imphal West District & High Court
Regd. No. 609/2026

OFFICE OF THE
DEVELOPMENT FOR HILLS

Govt. Registered No: 100/SOS/SR/1992

Registered Office: Tadubi, P.O. Tadubi, Tamenglong District, Manipur, PIN-795146

RECEIVED
R.R. No. 617TH
Date 26/5/2026

To,

The Chief Secretary/ Vigilance Commissioner,
Government of Manipur,
Imphal

D/265.26 Date 421 26.5.26

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Copy to:

1. PS to Additional Chief Secretary (PD &H) Govt. of Manipur
2. Director, Tribal Affairs & Hills

Office of the Chief Secretary R.R. Date 26/5/26

Yours faithfully,

(L. DIAMOND)
President
Development for Hills
#8974686200

27.5.26
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MAPITHEL ARTS AND CULTURE

Registration No. 06/KMJ/SR/2020
under Manipur Societies Registration Act, 1989
Chadong Village, P.O. & P.S. Litan, Kamjong District, Manipur - 795145

Ref. No. .....

RECEIVED
R.R. No. 26/5/2026
Date .....

Date 26/05/26

Chief Secretary's Office
R.R. No. 922
Date 26.05.26

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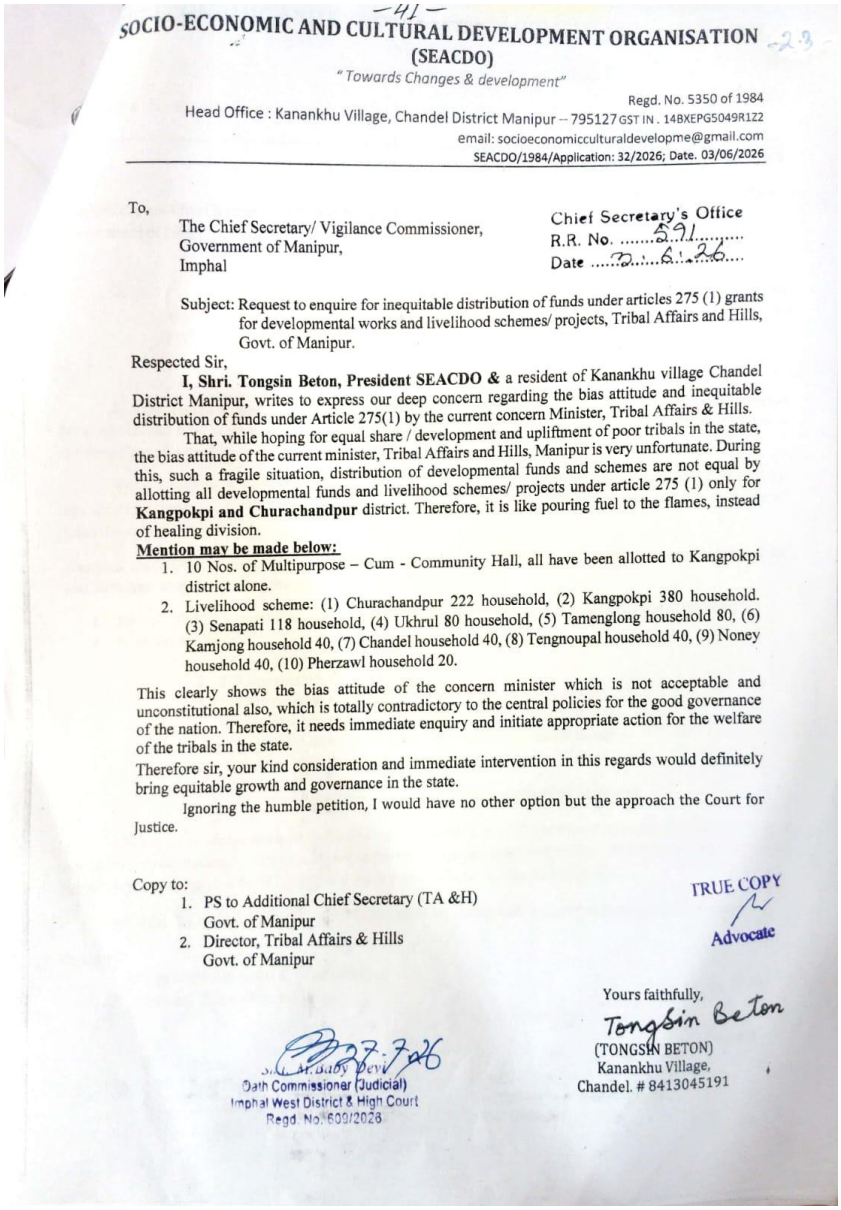
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Mothel
(MOTHEL SAKA)
President
Mapithel Arts and Culture

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Advocate

27.7.26
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SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION
(SEACDO)
"Towards Changes & development"

Regd. No. 5350 of 1984
Head Office : Kanankhu Village, Chandel District Manipur – 795127 GST IN . 14BXEPG5049R1Z2
email: socioeconomicculturaldevelopme@gmail.com
SEACDO/1984/Application: 32/2026; Date. 03/06/2026

To,

The Chief Secretary/ Vigilance Commissioner,
Government of Manipur,
Imphal

Chief Secretary's Office
R.R. No. 591
Date 12.6.26

Subject: Request to enquire for inequitable distribution of funds under articles 275 (1) grants for developmental works and livelihood schemes/ projects, Tribal Affairs and Hills, Govt. of Manipur.

Respected Sir,

I, Shri. Tongsin Beton, President SEACDO & a resident of Kanankhu village Chandel District Manipur, writes to express our deep concern regarding the bias attitude and inequitable distribution of funds under Article 275(1) by the current concern Minister, Tribal Affairs & Hills.

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Ignoring the humble petition, I would have no other option but the approach the Court for Justice.

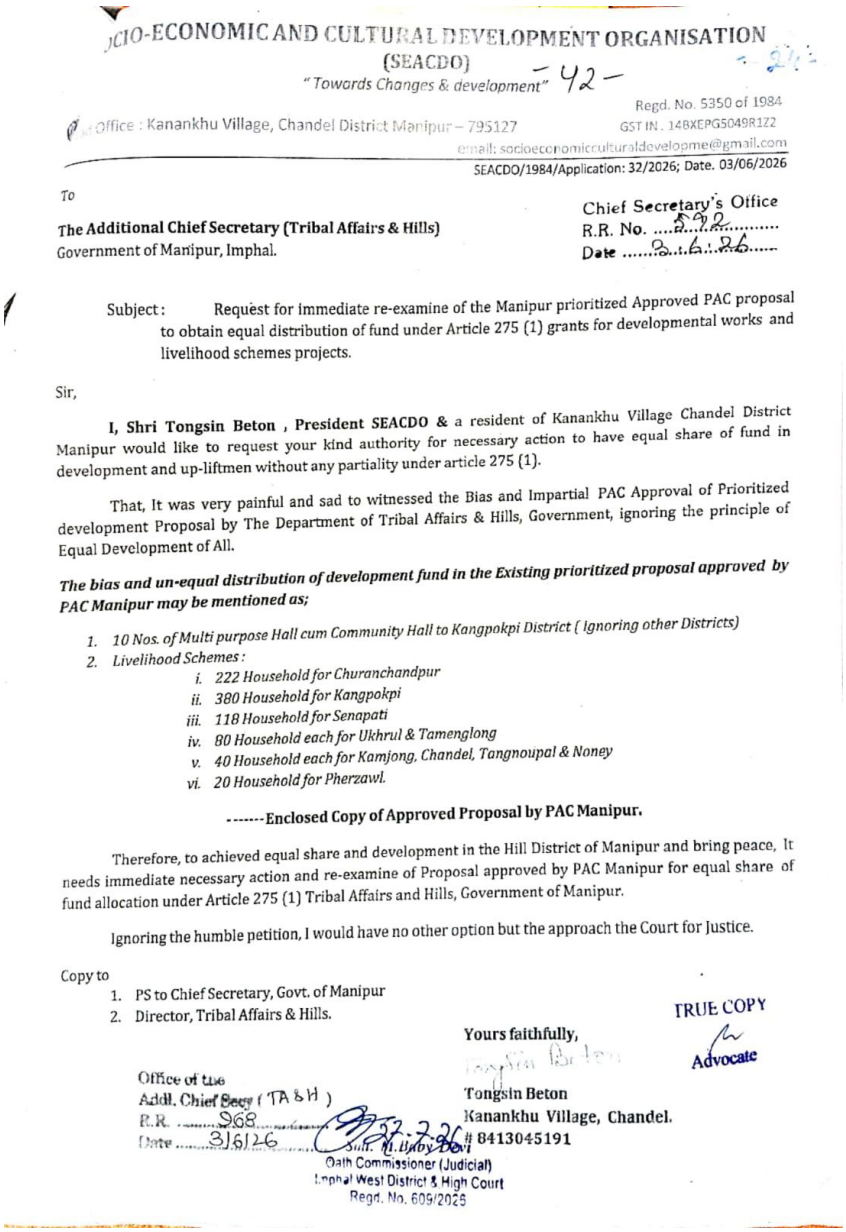
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Advocate

Yours faithfully,
Tongsin Beton
(TONGSIN BETON)
Kanankhu Village,
Chandel. # 8413045191

27.7.26
Oath Commissioner (Judicial)
Imphal West District & High Court
Regd. No. 609/2026



SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION
(SEACDO)
"Towards Changes & development" -42-

Office : Kanankhu Village, Chandel District Manipur – 795127
Regd. No. 5350 of 1984
GST IN . 14BXEPG5049R1Z2
email: socioeconomicculturaldevelopme@gmail.com
SEACDO/1984/Application: 32/2026; Date. 03/06/2026

To

The Additional Chief Secretary (Tribal Affairs & Hills)
Government of Manipur, Imphal.

Chief Secretary's Office
R.R. No. 5222
Date 3.6.26

Subject: Request for immediate re-examine of the Manipur prioritized Approved PAC proposal to obtain equal distribution of fund under Article 275 (1) grants for developmental works and livelihood schemes projects.

Sir,

I, Shri Tongsin Beton , President SEACDO & a resident of Kanankhu Village Chandel District Manipur would like to request your kind authority for necessary action to have equal share of fund in development and up-liftmen without any partiality under article 275 (1).

That, It was very painful and sad to witnessed the Bias and Impartial PAC Approval of Prioritized development Proposal by The Department of Tribal Affairs & Hills, Government, ignoring the principle of Equal Development of All.

The bias and un-equal distribution of development fund in the Existing prioritized proposal approved by PAC Manipur may be mentioned as;

1. *10 Nos. of Multi purpose Hall cum Community Hall to Kangpokpi District (Ignoring other Districts)*
2. *Livelihood Schemes :*
   - i. *222 Household for Churanchandpur*
   - ii. *380 Household for Kangpokpi*
   - iii. *118 Household for Senapati*
   - iv. *80 Household each for Ukhrul & Tamenglong*
   - v. *40 Household each for Kamjong, Chandel, Tangnoupal & Noney*
   - vi. *20 Household for Pherzawl.*

-------Enclosed Copy of Approved Proposal by PAC Manipur.

Therefore, to achieved equal share and development in the Hill District of Manipur and bring peace, It needs immediate necessary action and re-examine of Proposal approved by PAC Manipur for equal share of fund allocation under Article 275 (1) Tribal Affairs and Hills, Government of Manipur.

Ignoring the humble petition, I would have no other option but the approach the Court for Justice.

Copy to
1. PS to Chief Secretary, Govt. of Manipur
2. Director, Tribal Affairs & Hills.

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Yours faithfully,
Tongsin Beton
Tongsin Beton
Kanankhu Village, Chandel.
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Office of the
Addl. Chief Secy (TA & H)
R.R. 968
Date 3/6/26

Oath Commissioner (Judicial)
Imphal West District & High Court
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[13] In the light of narrative and trajectory the captioned matter has taken in the admission Board, the following order is made:

i. *R-3 shall take up said representations (5 representations - scanned and reproduced supra in instant order), consider the same on its own merits in accordance with law, particularly in accordance with Article 275 and more particularly clause (1) of Article 275 of the Constitution and dispose of the same by making speaking proceedings/order;*

ii. *Afore-referred exercise of making speaking proceedings/order disposing of said representations (5 representations) shall be completed by R-3 as expeditiously as the official business of R-3 would permit but in any event within 6(six) weeks from today i.e. on or before 16-09-2026;*

iii. *The speaking proceedings/order made in the aforesaid manner by R-3 shall be served under due acknowledgment on Mr. Md. Abdul Baqee Khan, learned counsel on record for*

PIL petitioners and MC applicants within three working days from the date on which the proceedings/order are made and such service shall be construed as the service made on the PIL petitioners. To be noted, learned counsel on record for the PIL petitioners consents to this and submits that he has necessary instructions from PIL petitioners in this regard;

iv. *If the PIL petitioners/MC applicants or any other person concerned for the matter is either not satisfied with or aggrieved by speaking proceedings/order made in the aforesaid manner, it is open to the PIL petitioners and or any other person concerned for the matter to come to this Court or approach any other Fora, for this purpose all rights and contentions made by PIL petitioners in captioned PIL and captioned MC are preserved and if such a scenario unfurls, though obvious, it is made clear that such a petition will be considered on its own merit and in accordance with law by this Court or any other Forum/Fora which is approached;*

v. *This Court deems it appropriate to write (though obvious) that the afore-referred speaking proceedings/order shall give relevant data as necessary with clarity and specificity.*

[14] Afore-referred main PIL is disposed of as closed in the aforesaid manner albeit with afore-referred directions, observations and preservation of rights and contentions. Consequently, afore-referred MC therein above is also given a closure and the same is also disposed of as closed. There shall be no order as to costs.'

[5] Pursuant to the aforesaid PiL order of this Court, R2 has made proceedings dated 31.08.2026 bearing reference No. TA/63/2026-3-e.TA&H but it does not address the core issues pertaining to Guidelines and the district wise break-up, is learned senior counsel's say.

[6] Issue notice.

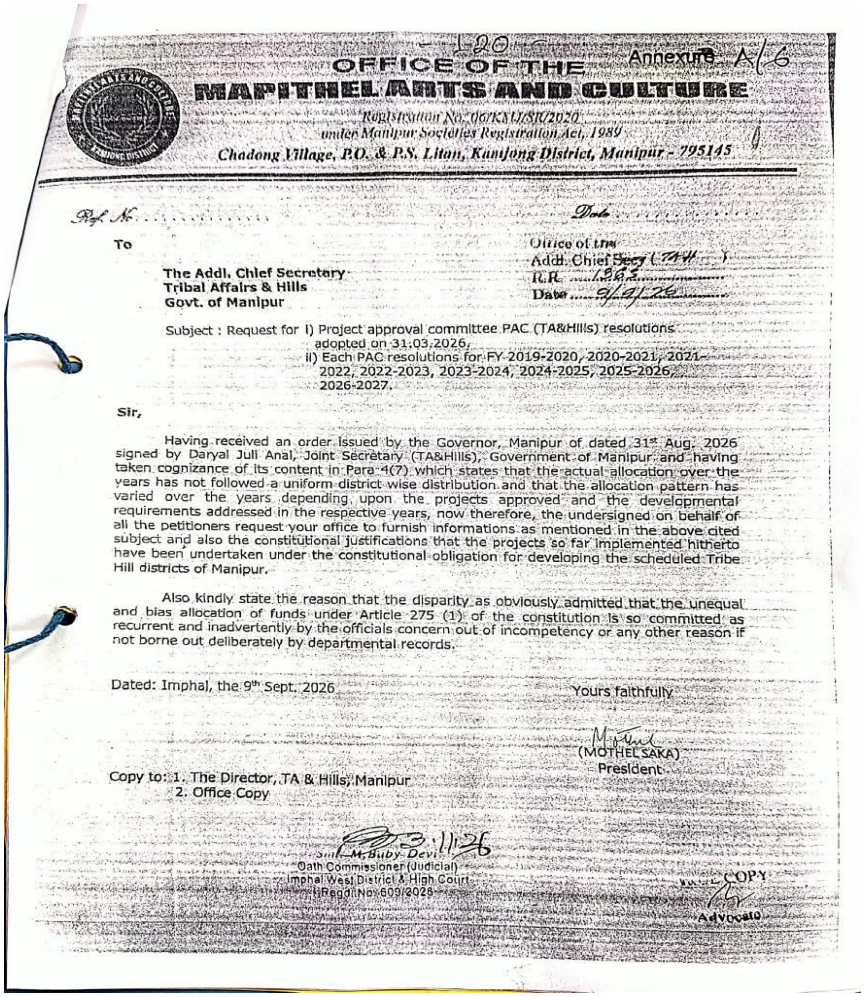
[7] Learned Additional Advocate General (Addl. AG), Mr. S. Chittaranjan along with Mr. A. Priyokumar Sharma, learned State counsel accepts notice for R2 to R4 (respondent Nos.2 to 4) and Mr. W. Darakeshwar, learned Sr. PCCG (Senior Panel Counsel for Central Government) accepts notice for R1 (respondent No.1).

[8] Owing to the limited legal perimeter within which captioned PiL will now perambulate, main PiL was taken up in the admission Board itself,

respondents waiving their rights to file affidavits-in-opposition but preserving their rights to make submissions on merits if another round of litigation ensues. To be noted, the reason for the legal perimeter of captioned PiL getting de-scoped is, learned senior counsel for PiL petitioners points out that post afore-referred 31.08.2026 proceedings of R2, 3(three) representations have been sent and it will suffice (for the present) if the 3(three) representation {one representation dated 09.09.2026 and two representations dated 14.10.2026} are disposed of by R2.

[9] Scanned reproduction of the 3(three) representations are as follows:

(i) Representation dated 09.09.2026



Annexure A/6

OFFICE OF THE
MAPITHEL ARTS AND CULTURE
Registration No: 06/KA/0310/2020
under Manipur Societies Registration Act, 1989
Chadong Village, P.O. & P.S. Litan, Kanjong District, Manipur - 795145

Ref. No. ..... Date .....

To

The Addl. Chief Secretary
Tribal Affairs & Hills
Govt. of Manipur

Office of the
Addl. Chief Secy (TA&H)
I.R. No. 1363
Date 9/9/26

Subject : Request for i) Project approval committee PAC (TA&Hills) resolutions adopted on 31.03.2026,
ii) Each PAC resolutions for FY 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025, 2025-2026, 2026-2027.

Sir,

Having received an order issued by the Governor, Manipur of dated 31st Aug. 2026 signed by Daryal Juli Anal, Joint Secretary (TA&Hills), Government of Manipur and having taken cognizance of its content in Para 4(7) which states that the actual allocation over the years has not followed a uniform district wise distribution and that the allocation pattern has varied over the years depending upon the projects approved and the developmental requirements addressed in the respective years, now therefore, the undersigned on behalf of all the petitioners request your office to furnish informations as mentioned in the above cited subject and also the constitutional justifications that the projects so far implemented hitherto have been undertaken under the constitutional obligation for developing the scheduled Tribe Hill districts of Manipur.

Also kindly state the reason that the disparity as obviously admitted that the unequal and bias allocation of funds under Article 275 (1) of the constitution is so committed as recurrent and inadvertently by the officials concern out of incompetency or any other reason if not borne out deliberately by departmental records.

Dated: Imphal, the 9th Sept. 2026

Yours faithfully

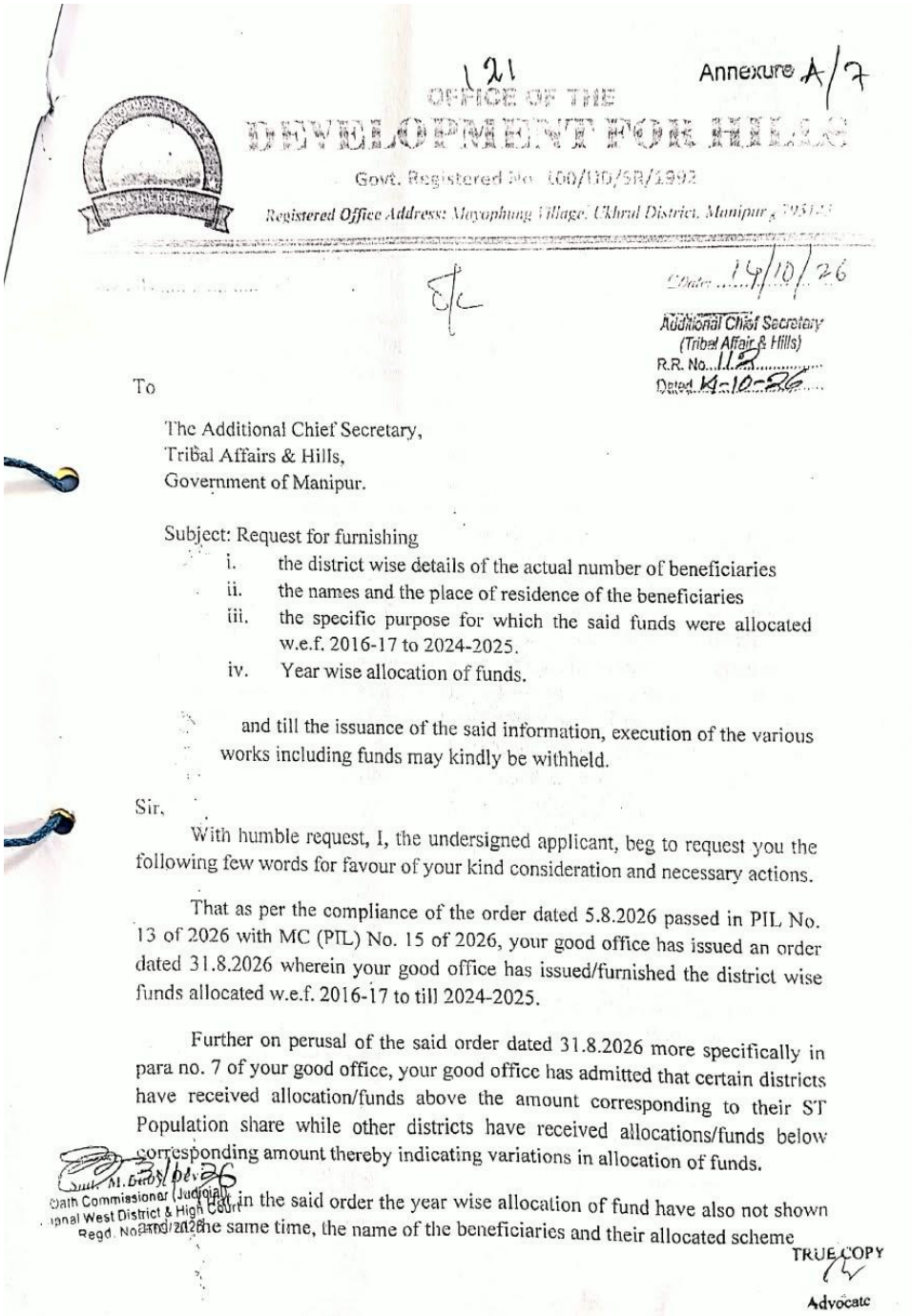
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President

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Oath Commissioner (Judicial)
Imphal West, District & High Court
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(ii) Representation dated 14.10.2026



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Annexure A/7

OFFICE OF THE
DEVELOPMENT FOR HILLS

Govt. Registered No: 600/110/SR/1993

Registered Office Address: Mayaphung Village, Ukhrul District, Manipur, 795142

Date 14/10/26

Additional Chief Secretary
(Tribal Affair & Hills)
R.R. No. 112
Dated 14-10-26

To

The Additional Chief Secretary,
Tribal Affairs & Hills,
Government of Manipur.

Subject: Request for furnishing

i. the district wise details of the actual number of beneficiaries
ii. the names and the place of residence of the beneficiaries
iii. the specific purpose for which the said funds were allocated w.e.f. 2016-17 to 2024-2025.
iv. Year wise allocation of funds.

and till the issuance of the said information, execution of the various works including funds may kindly be withheld.

Sir,

With humble request, I, the undersigned applicant, beg to request you the following few words for favour of your kind consideration and necessary actions.

That as per the compliance of the order dated 5.8.2026 passed in PIL No. 13 of 2026 with MC (PIL) No. 15 of 2026, your good office has issued an order dated 31.8.2026 wherein your good office has issued/furnished the district wise funds allocated w.e.f. 2016-17 to till 2024-2025.

Further on perusal of the said order dated 31.8.2026 more specifically in para no. 7 of your good office, your good office has admitted that certain districts have received allocation/funds above the amount corresponding to their ST Population share while other districts have received allocations/funds below corresponding amount thereby indicating variations in allocation of funds.

Smt. M. Devi 31/10/26
Oath Commissioner (Judicial)
Imphal West District & High Court
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That in the said order the year wise allocation of fund have also not shown the same time, the name of the beneficiaries and their allocated scheme

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Govt. Registered No. 009/10/Skt/2022
Registered Office Address: Mayophung Village, Ukhrul District, Manipur - 795145

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also not shown and in this regard, it is important to mention here that for example a person who is residing in the IDP Relief Camp cannot proceed for plantation of crops in the hilly areas or he cannot execute the work such as piggery, poultry, fishery, horticulture schemes etc. while residing in the relief camps and as such specific name of the beneficiaries and their allocated schemes are required to be shown in the said allocation of funds and without which bulk calculation cannot be feasible and as such, the said allocation of funds given at para No. 6 i.e. allocated at District Wise Levels cannot be implemented and as such, all the details of the schemes and name of the beneficiaries year wise are required to be furnished before executing the said schemes.

It is therefore requested that the said order dated 31.8.2026 is completely vaque which is not implementable at all and since the same is not yet implemented, all the necessary beneficiaries list and allocation of funds year wise along with name of the schemes and where the said schemes are to be implemented may kindly be furnished before execution of the said schemes and till the same is given to the undersigned applicant, the said district wise allocation of funds may not be distributed as the same is likely to be implemented fraudulently.

For this act of your kindness, the humble applicant shall ever remain grateful.

Yours faithfully,

(Diamond Lungleng)
President

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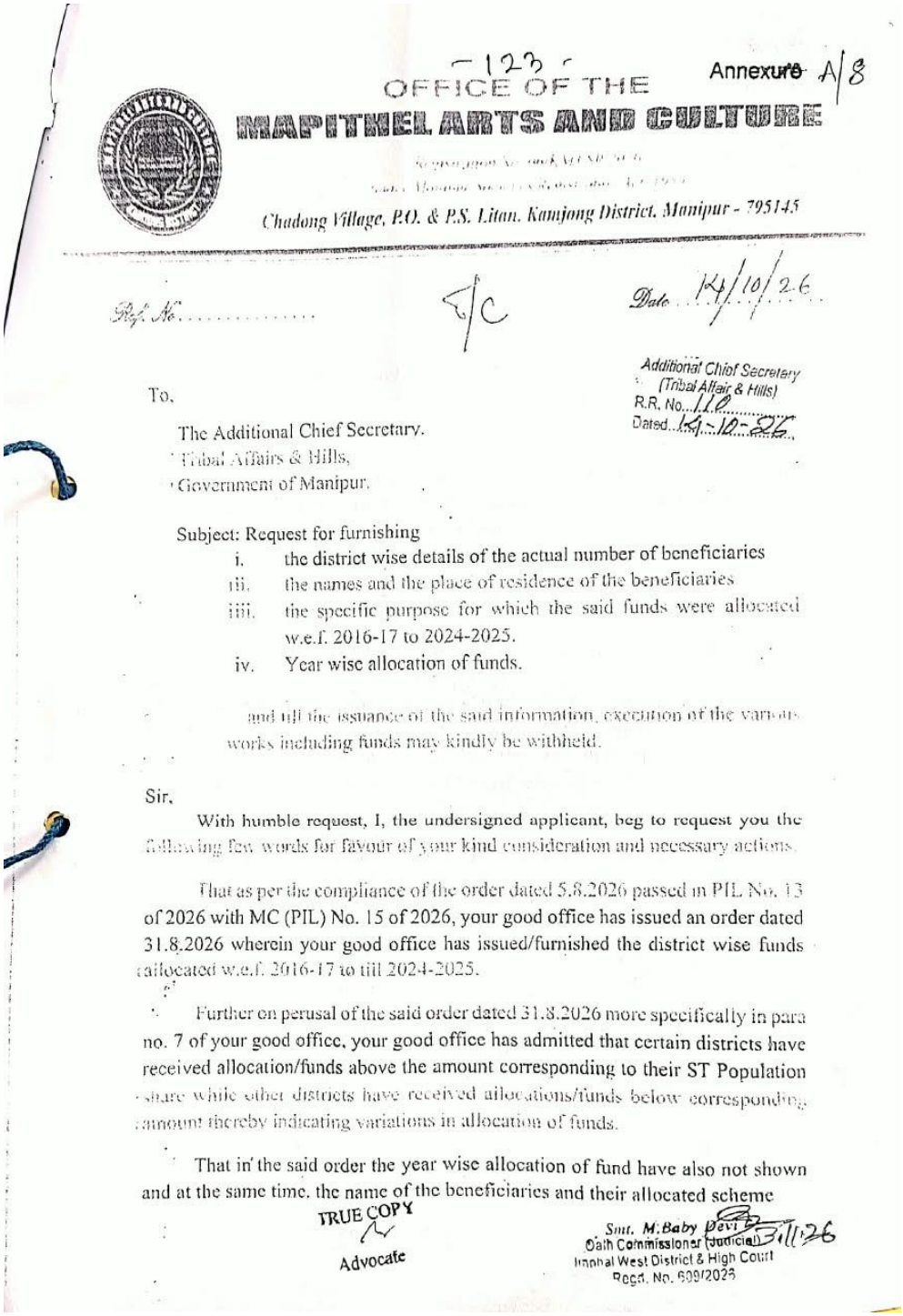
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(iii) Representation dated 14.10.2026



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Annexure A/8

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Chadong Village, P.O. & P.S. Litan, Kamjong District, Manipur - 795145

Ref. No. ..... Dated 14/10/26

Additional Chief Secretary
(Tribal Affair & Hills)
R.R. No. 110
Dated 14-10-26

To,

The Additional Chief Secretary.
Tribal Affairs & Hills,
Government of Manipur.

Subject: Request for furnishing

i. the district wise details of the actual number of beneficiaries
ii. the names and the place of residence of the beneficiaries
iii. the specific purpose for which the said funds were allocated w.e.f. 2016-17 to 2024-2025.
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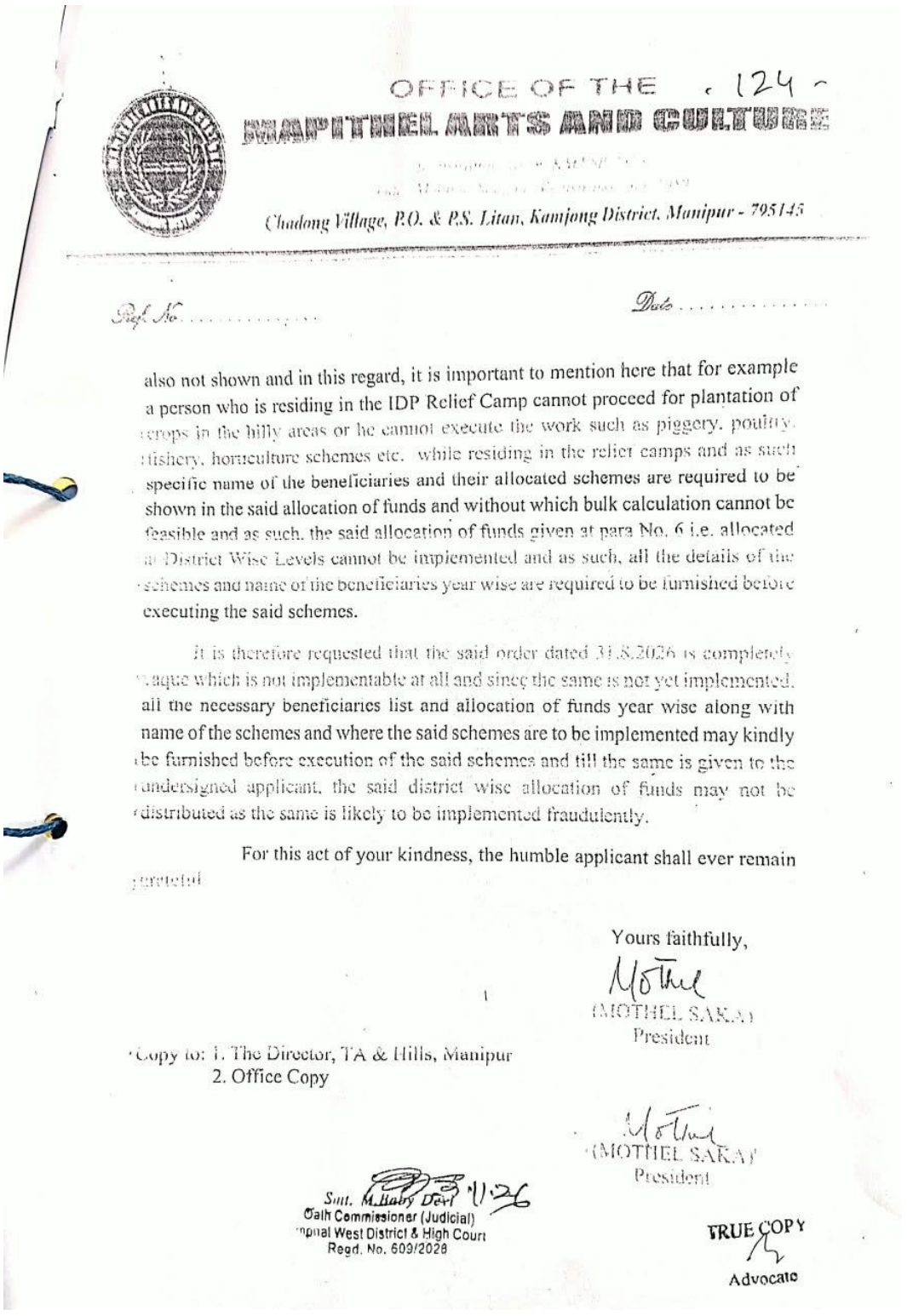
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President

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Smt. M. Baby Devi 11.26
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[10] Though afore-referred three representations are addressed to Additional Chief Secretary, Tribal Affairs and Hills, Government of Manipur, we direct 'Chief Secretary, Government of Manipur' {'R2' for the sake of

convenience and clarity} to consider the afore-referred 3(three) representations on its own merits, in accordance with law and dispose of the same as expeditiously as the official business of R2 would permit but in any event within 6(six) weeks from today i.e., on or before 18.12.2026.

[11] We direct R2 to dispose of the afore-referred 3(three) representations by way of one common speaking order *inter-alia* adverting to all details. On such disposal, the proceedings of disposal (speaking order) shall be served on Mr. Syed Murtaza Ahmed, learned counsel on record for PiL petitioners within 5(five) working days from the date of disposal. To be noted, under normal circumstances, on disposal of a case, the Vakalatnama also gets terminated but in instant matter, we make a mild departure in this regard owing to the facts and circumstances of the case and also owing to Mr. Syed Murtaza Ahmed making such a request on instructions from PiL petitioners.

[12] If the PiL petitioners and/or anyone else concerned for the matter is either not satisfied or aggrieved by the common speaking order qua afore-referred 3(three) representations, it is open to them to come to this Court assailing those proceedings. If such a scenario unfurls, all the points raised in the captioned PiL as regards afore-referred 31.08.2026 proceedings, are left open and rights and contentions of both sides in this regard are preserved without being either impeded or impelled *i.e.,* untrammeled by instant order..

[13] Captioned PiL is disposed of in the aforesaid manner with the observations, directions and preservation of rights as above. Consequently

captioned MC thereat is also disposed of as closed. There shall be no order as to costs.

JUDGE **CHIEF JUSTICE**

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