

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No(s).5756/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 08-09-2025 in BA No.2039/2025 passed by the Gauhati High Court]

CENTRAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

ARUN KHUNDONGBAM @NANAO

Respondent(s)

WITH

W.P.(C) No. 540/2023 (PIL-W)

IA No. 65035/2026 - APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION
IA No. 65026/2026 - APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION
IA No. 103548/2023 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS
IA No. 130954/2023 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS
IA No. 115711/2023 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS
IA No. 213116/2026 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS
IA No. 155266/2023 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS
IA No. 93882/2024 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION
IA No. 185454/2023 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION
IA No. 154824/2023 - INTERLOCUTARY APPLICATION
IA No. 154823/2023 - INTERLOCUTARY APPLICATION
IA No. 157612/2023 - INTERLOCUTARY APPLICATION
IA No. 155582/2023 - INTERLOCUTARY APPLICATION
IA No. 154999/2023 - INTERLOCUTARY APPLICATION
IA No. 100121/2023 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION
IA No. 195814/2023 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION
IA No. 144163/2023 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION
IA No. 142916/2023 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION
IA No. 155427/2023 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 104107/2023 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 104041/2023 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT

W.P.(Crl.) No. 329/2023 (PIL-W)

IA No. 23846/2026 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS
IA No. 159270/2024 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS
IA No. 23845/2026 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT

Diary No(s). 19210/2023 (XV)

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W.P.(C) No. 572/2023 (PIL-W)

**IA No. 138502/2025 - APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION
IA No. 104680/2023 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS
IA No. 154993/2023 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS
IA No. 144180/2023 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS
IA No. 142744/2023 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS
IA No. 104681/2023 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.
IA No. 104131/2023 - GRANT OF INTERIM RELIEF
IA No. 154986/2023 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION
IA No. 142741/2023 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION
IA No. 196140/2023 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES**

W.P.(C) No. 574/2023 (X)

**IA No. 104941/2023 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.
IA No. 104939/2023 - GRANT OF INTERIM RELIEF**

W.P.(C) No. 576/2023 (PIL-W)

**IA No. 113486/2023 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION
IA No. 167211/2023 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION
IA No. 134039/2023 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION
IA No. 105227/2023 - GRANT OF INTERIM RELIEF**

W.P.(Crl.) No. 321/2023 (PIL-W)

IA No. 143696/2023 - PERMISSION TO APPEAR AND ARGUE IN PERSON

W.P.(Crl.) No. 327/2023 (X)

**IA No. 146436/2023 - APPLICATION FOR FILING THE PETITION WITHOUT
DISCLOSING THE IDENTITY OF THE PETITIONER/RESPONDENT, IA
No.146435/2023 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS**

W.P.(C) No. 841/2023 (X)

FOR ADMISSION

W.P.(C) No. 802/2023 (X)

IA No. 154036/2023 - GRANT OF INTERIM RELIEF

W.P.(C) No. 875/2023 (X)

IA No. 165144/2023 - EX-PARTE AD-INTERIM RELIEF

CONMT.PET.(C) No. 1257/2023 (XV)

SLP(Crl) No. 5757/2026 (II)

Diary No(s). 19206/2023 (XV)

**IA No. 194232/2024 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS
IA No. 100067/2023 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING AFFIDAVIT
IA No. 96003/2023 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING AFFIDAVIT
IA No. 96000/2023 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED
JUDGMENT
IA No. 147906/2023 - INTERLOCUTARY APPLICATION
IA No. 144564/2023 - INTERLOCUTARY APPLICATION**

IA No. 155289/2023 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION
IA No. 100064/2023 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 194233/2024 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 155292/2023 - PERMISSION TO APPEAR AND ARGUE IN PERSON
IA No. 96002/2023 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES
IA No. 147907/2023 - PERMISSION TO FILE APPLICATION FOR DIRECTION
IA No. 96001/2023 - PERMISSION TO FILE PETITION (SLP/TP/WP/..)

Date : 10-08-2026 This petition was called on for hearing today.

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

1. On 24.07.2026, we took notice of the status reports filed by the Central Bureau of Investigation, the SITs, as well as Mr. Dattatray Padsalgikar, former Director General of Police, Maharashtra, who has been appointed by this Court to monitor the ongoing investigation, and upon consideration thereof:

(i) The State of Manipur was directed to provide full cooperation to the investigating agencies to overcome the difficulties highlighted in the status report;

(ii) The applicants raising grievances regarding some missing persons were directed to approach the Hon'ble Chief Justice of the High Court of Manipur, so that those matters could also be entrusted for investigation to one of the SITs;

(iii) The petitioners were permitted to approach the three-Judge Committee headed by Justice Gita Mittal, former Chief Justice of Jammu and Kashmir High Court, regarding dispute over one of the sites, where a lawful structure was in existence but had been demolished; and

(iv) The legal aid counsel were directed to immediately coordinate with the offices of Hon'ble the Chief Justices of the High Courts of Manipur and Guwahati for obtaining the copies of the chargesheets.

2. In deference thereto, the Manipur State Legal Services Authority has filed a status report dated 07.08.2026. Paragraphs 4, 5, and 6 thereof read as follows:

"4. It is respectfully submitted that a total of 31 (thirty-one) cases involving heinous crimes were entrusted to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for investigation. Of these, 05 (five) cases pertain to incidents of arms looting and therefore do not involve any victims. The remaining 26 cases involve victims and the MASLSA has appointed Legal Aid Counsel for each victim in all such cases.

5. That, as per the reports received from the concerned DLSAs, copies of chargesheets have been furnished to all victims/victim's family members through concerned Legal Aid Counsel in all the 18 (eighteen) charge-sheeted cases. Acknowledgments/receipts confirming receipt of the charge-sheets have also been obtained from all the concerned victims' victim's family members and their Legal Aid Counsel.

A detailed statement presented as a tabulation containing the particulars of all the 18 charge-sheeted cases, along with copies of the acknowledgments/receipts are enclosed at Annexure-IV.

6. That, it is respectfully submitted that the matter is being regularly monitored by Hon'ble Chief Justice, High Court of Manipur and Hon'ble Executive Chairman, Manipur State Legal Services Authority and directions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court have been duly complied."

3. At this stage, Ms. Vrinda Grover, learned counsel for some of the petitioners, has pointed out that the Sessions Case number and other relevant particulars of 18 cases, where chargesheets have been filed, ought to be brought on record as it will enable the Legal Aid Counsel as well as victims/their families to have access to the records and facilitate the trial. We accept this suggestion and direct Manipur State Legal Services Authority to obtain the full particulars of the Sessions Trial number, etc., from the courts concerned and place them on record in a tabulated form.

4. The learned Additional Solicitor General of India has also handed over a status report submitted by the CBI and NIA. In the status report on behalf of CBI, it is, *inter alia*, pointed out that chargesheets have been filed in 27 cases before the Special Judge, CBI & NIA, Guwahati, which includes 5 closure reports. In addition, 4 cases are still under investigation. There are said to be a total of 904 witnesses, out of which only 5 witnesses in 2 cases have been examined. The remaining 899 witnesses are yet to be examined. The status of trial of CBI cases has also been placed on record in a tabulated form. Having regard to the total number of witnesses proposed to be examined and the voluminous evidence, we request the Chief Justice of Gauhati High Court to consider the feasibility of allowing the CBI/NIA Court to exclusively deal with Manipur-related CBI/NIA cases, and let other cases, which were entrusted to the Presiding Officer, be transferred to some other Court. Similarly, the Hon'ble Chief Justice, in consultation with other concerned authorities, may also consider the desirability of constituting two exclusive special courts, i.e., one for CBI cases and another for NIA cases. It would be appreciated if the Registrar General of the High Court submits a status report in this regard before the next date of hearing.

5. The NIA, in its status report, has pointed out that a total of thirty cases relating to Manipur violence are pending, out of which charge-sheets have been filed in 15 cases, while investigation is still underway in the remaining 15 cases. These cases involve 47 accused persons. Trial has commenced in 6 cases. The details of the

15 cases, where chargesheets have been filed have also been appended along with this status report.

6. Mr. Dattatray Padsalgikar, former Director General of Police, Maharashtra, who has been appointed to oversee the ongoing investigation in the Manipur violence cases, has also filed a status report dated 03.08.2026, *inter alia*, explaining that in July 2026, several arson incidents and road blockades by some community groups were reported. Armed attacks on the CRPF CoBRA Unit near Bitiang village, Noney district were also noted. There were also other incidents, including attacks on the Assam Rifles, use of an IED blast for causing damage to public infrastructure, and the recent public protest demanding the State Government to update the NRC before conducting the census in the State. It is pointed out that the joint efforts of the Manipur Police and the Central Security Forces have been successful in recovering arms and ammunition as well as arresting the anti-social elements involved in such disruptive and destructive activities.

7. We trust and hope that irrespective of the sensitive law-and-order situation, the SITs, CBI, and NIA shall continue with their ongoing investigation uninterruptedly, and the State Government will ensure full cooperation and assistance to the Central Agencies and SITs in taking the pending investigation to a logical conclusion. The investigative agencies, the State Legal Services Authority, as well as the State Authorities shall file their respective status reports before the next date of hearing.

8. In the order dated 27.05.2026, various details regarding proposed rehabilitation of the families that have lost dwelling units were also duly recorded. The State's commitment for reconstruction of tribal villages, which were destroyed, has also been specifically mentioned, along with the Government of India's PMAY-G scheme, providing Rs.5 lakh for Kutcha house, Rs.7 lakh for Semi-pucca house, and Rs.10 lakh for Pucca house. It was highlighted that 12,000 houses for affected families have been approved so far under the PMAY-G scheme. It was also highlighted that 3000 temporary shelters have been constructed by the State Government and are currently occupied, and a sum of Rs.51.95 crore was released for 885 identified beneficiaries for the construction of permanent houses. In addition, a sum of Rs.1 lakh per household is being provided, in installments, for fully burnt houses, besides Rs.75,000 per household for partially damaged houses.

9. It is, however, urged on behalf of some of the affected families that the aforesaid relief is yet to percolate at the ground level, and 300 to 400 affected families have not received the benefits. We are informed that the names of such families have been supplied to the three-member Committee headed by Justice Gita Mittal, former Chief Justice of Jammu and Kashmir.

10. If that is so, we request the Committee to verify the complaints/claims statedly made by the affected families and forward a status report regarding implementation of the government welfare schemes as noticed by this court in the order dated 27.05.2026.

11. The petitioners, if so advised, may furnish additional/better particulars to the Committee headed by Justice Gita Mittal so as to enable that Committee to verify the claimants.

12. In this regard, the Committee may also verify the particulars re: I.A. Nos.194232 and 194233 of 2024, a copy whereof be supplied to Ms. Vibha Datta Makhija, learned senior counsel.

13. Post these matters on 17.09.2026.

(ARJUN BISHT)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

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