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**THE GAUHATI HIGH COURT
(HIGH COURT OF ASSAM, NAGALAND, MIZORAM AND ARUNACHAL
PRADESH)
KOHIMA BENCH**

Case No. : PIL 2/2020

1:KIKRUKHONUO
RESIDENT OF MIDLAND COLONY, KOHIMA-797001, Nagaland

VERSUS

1:THE STATE OF NAGALAND AND 3 ORS
REPRESENTED BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, GOVERNMENT OF
NAGALAND

2:THE PRINCIPAL AND SECRETARY
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
GOVERNMENT OF NAGALAND.

3:The PRINCIPAL DIRECTOR
DIRECTORATE OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
KOHIMA
NAGALAND

4:UNION OF INDIA
REPRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY
GOI
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
NIRMAN BHAVAN
NEW DELHI- 11001

Advocate for the Petitioner : NEITEO KOZA

Advocate for the Respondent : GOVT ADV NL

**BEFORE
HON'BLE MR JUSTICE SONGKHUPCHUNG SERTO
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S. HUKATO SWU**

ORDER

Date : 27-04-2020
(S. Serto, J)

Heard Ms. Neiteo Koza, learned counsel for the petitioner and Ms. V. Suokhrie, learned Addl. Senior Government Advocate appearing on behalf of the respondent Nos. 1 to 3.

This is a PIL through which certain concerns regarding the actions already taken and which are yet to be taken by the State Government regarding the Covid-19 are sought to be brought to the notice of this Court for issuing necessary direction or directions.

After having heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned Addl. Senior Government Advocate, we are of the view that at this stage, it would be sufficient if notice is issued to the respondents and limited directions as given here below are issued. Accordingly, Registry is directed to issue notice to the respondents making the same returnable within 10 days and the State respondents are directed to:-

1. make at least 2 (two) testing labs of COVID-19 functional within 10 (ten) days from today and make every effort to establish other labs at strategic places in the State to facilitate free testing in the near future.
2. provide sufficient number of PPEs which are of the standard quality prescribed by the appropriate authority to all persons

who are involved in the treatment of COVID-19 patients and in the looking after of persons in quarantine centers.

3. make all efforts to make ICU facilities at all places identified for treatment of COVID-19 infected persons and also increase the number of ventilators so as to facilitate treatment in times of need.
4. make ambulance available to the patients of COVID-19, at the earliest, if not already made available and to also make available transportation facilities to all persons who are in the line of duty, in view of the constraints and restraints imposed both by the Government and the public.
5. see to it that under no circumstance or circumstances there should be any shortage of trained personnel for treatment of the COVID-19 patients and those who are quarantined.
6. gear up and make sure that the 2 (two) main hospitals which have been identified for treatment of COVID-19 patients i.e. one at Kohima and one at Dimapur are fully equipped and ready for functioning to meet the challenge or challenges posed by the COVID-19 within a period of 2 (two) weeks.

Regarding the other concerns raised by the petitioner in the writ petition, the respondents are to look into them and come with their response through an affidavit on the returnable date. We also direct the State respondents to file their affidavit showing their level of prepared-

ness and also a statement showing the materials already supplied for the personnel who are on the line of duty.

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