

**HIGH COURT OF TRIPURA
AGARTALA**

W.P. (C) (PIL) No.09/2020

For Petitioner(s) : Mr. Somik Deb, Amicus Curiae.

For Respondent(s) : Mr. S.S. Dey, Advocate General.
Ms. Ayantika Chakraborty, Advocate.

Along with

W.P. (C) (PIL) No.07/2021

For Petitioner(s) : Ms. R. Guha, Advocate.

For Respondent(s) : Mr. S.S. Dey, Advocate General.
Ms. Ayantika Chakraborty, Advocate.

W.P. (C) (PIL) No.08/2021

For Petitioner(s) : Mr. P. Roy Barman, Sr. Advocate.
Mr. Samarjit Bhattacharjee, Advocate.

For Respondent(s) : Mr. S.S. Dey, Advocate General.
Ms. Ayantika Chakraborty, Advocate.

**HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. AKIL KURESHI
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.G. CHATTOPADHYAY**

ORDER

**16/08/2021.
(Akil Kureshi, CJ).**

The recent trend of corona positivity in the State has shown steady declined. Going by the data of last few days, the State is reporting around 2.5% rate of positivity of the total tests conducted on a given day. This has enabled the State administration to relax the corona related restrictions. At

present, we do not propose to issue any further directions. However, before adjourning this case, we wish to briefly touch on two aspects.

The past experience should teach us an important lesson namely, the reduction in number of corona infections cannot be seen as disappearance of the pandemic. This virus has shown a nasty tendency of mutating and reappearing with vengeance. We are sure the State administration is acutely aware of this phenomenon. We would also appeal to the residents of the State, not to drop their guard against the virus and continue to take all precautions to ensure that the rate of infection does not rise again.

The State administration has been publishing vaccination data on daily basis. Presently, the administration has a stock of over 8 lakh vaccines and supply of further around 3.5 lakh vaccines in near future is promised. As against this, daily number of vaccines administered has in the recent past gone down substantially. The data published by the Government would show that more than 90% of the eligible population over the age of 18 has received first dose of vaccine. Understandably, second dose of vaccines has reached fewer people. While therefore, the State administration may see the need to make greater efforts to ensure coverage of remaining population, who have so far not received even the first dose, administration of second dose of vaccine to those who have already received the first shot must also receive same amount of attention. Learned Advocate General stated that all centers in the State are open for

administration of second dose and there are sufficient vaccines as well as mechanism to administer the same. He was, however, wondering whether somewhat slow response for receiving second dose was on account of relatively improved corona situation in the State leading to reluctance or complacency. We hope these are not the factors contributing to relatively slow administration of second dose of vaccines. If found to be one of the factors, the State may consider making more aggressive efforts in order to administer second dose to all eligible people.

List on 08.11.2021.

(S.G. CHATTOPADHYAY), J

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