

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF MANIPUR  
AT IMPHAL**

**PIL No. 25 of 2023**

Aribam Dhananjoy Sharma @ Paojel Chaoba & 2 ors.

**...Petitioner/s**

**Vs.**

State of Manipur & 4 ors.

**...Respondent/s**

**With**

**PIL No. 28 of 2023**

**PIL No. 29 of 2023**

**PIL No. 30 of 2023**

**WP(C) No. 441 of 2023**

**B E F O R E**

**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AHANTHEM BIMOL SINGH  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A. GUNESHWAR SHARMA**

**16-06-2023**

**(A. Bimol Singh,J)**

Mrs. G. Pushpa, learned counsel appeared for the petitioner in PIL No. 25 of 2023; Mr. Kh. Mani, learned senior counsel assisted by Mr. M. Rakesh, learned counsel and Mr. A. Goutam, learned counsel appeared for the petitioner in PIL No. 29 of 2023 and WP(C) No. 441 of 2023 and Mr. L. Birjit, learned counsel for the petitioners in PIL No. 30 of 2023. Head also Mr. M. Rarry, learned counsel appearing for the State respondents in PIL Nos. 25/2023, 28/2023, 30/2023 and WP(C) No. 441 of 2023 and Mr. M. Devananda, learned Addl. AG assisted by Ms. Jyotsana, learned counsel appearing for the respondents in PIL No. 29 of 2023.

[2] We have also heard Mr. T. Momo, learned counsel appearing for the Vodafone/Idea Service Providers; Mr. S. Samarjeet, learned counsel for the Jio Service Providers and Mr. BR Sharma,

learned counsel for the BSNL Service Providers. None appeared for the Airtel Service Providers.

[3] Mr. M. Rarry, learned counsel submitted that the respondents in PIL No. 25 of 2023, PIL No. 28 of 2023 , PIL No. 30 of 2023 and WP(C) No. 441 of 2023 will be filing their respective counter affidavits during the course of the day with advance copy to the counsel appearing for the parties.

[4] Mr. M. Devananda, learned Addl. AG also submitted that he will file counter affidavit in connection with PIL No. 29 of 2023 on or before 21-06-2023 with advance copy to the counsel appearing for the petitioner.

[5] All the learned counsel appearing for the Service Providers namely, Vodafone/Idea/Jio/BSNL and Airtel are directed to file a short affidavit explaining as to whether there is any feasibility for providing limited internet services to the public by blocking social media websites and by safeguarding the concern of the State Government to maintain law and order in the State.

[6] As prayed for, list these cases again on 23-06-2023 for consideration. In the meantime, all the parties are at liberty to exchange their affidavits if so advised.

[7] Taking into consideration the hardship faced by the public specially with regard to the ongoing admission process of the students in the State and to enable the public for carrying out their urgent and essential services, the State authorities are directed to provide limited

internet service to the public in some designated places under the controlled of the State authorities.

[8] A copy of this order be furnished to the parties for doing the needful.

**JUDGE**

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