

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

PIL No. 45 of 2021

Thangjam Santa Singh

Petitioner

Vs.

State of Manipur; & Ors.

Respondents

BEFORE
**HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. SANJAY KUMAR
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE LANUSUNGKUM JAMIR**

23.08.2021

Sanjay Kumar (C.J.):

Heard Ms. Jayna Kothari, learned senior counsel for the petitioner.

Notice before admission, returnable on 14.09.2021.

Mr. S. Rupachandra, learned Additional Advocate General, Manipur, takes notice for all the respondents and waives further notice. He seeks time to file a reply.

Needful shall be done by the next date of hearing with an advance copy to the counsel opposite.

Ms. Jayna Kothari, learned senior counsel, would point out that as per the public declaration made by the people's representative from Khurai Assembly Constituency, PMGKAY food-grains would not be supplied to those who have not been vaccinated. Learned senior counsel would assert that denial of essential food-grains on this basis would be violative of the fundamental rights of those who are yet to get vaccinated, be it for whatever reason.

We find merit in this submission. It is for the State to suitably educate and inform people so that they voluntarily come forward to take the vaccination. Intimidatory measures cannot be adopted for that purpose and more so, when the same involve supply of food-grains.

There shall accordingly be an interim direction to the State authorities not to deny supply of PMGKAY food-grains to beneficiaries who are yet to be vaccinated.

Registry is directed to print the name of Mr. S. Rupachandra, learned Additional Advocate General, Manipur, in the cause list.

Post on 14.09.2021.

A copy of this order shall be supplied online or through whatsapp to the learned counsel for the parties.

Sandeep

JUDGE

CHIEF JUSTICE