

HIGH COURT OF SIKKIM : GANGTOK
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WP(PIL) No.11 of 2026

IN RE- CLIMATIC JUSTICE IN THE STATE OF SIKKIM

For Petitioner(s) : Mr. Sudhir Mishra, Advocate as Amicus Curiae assisted by Ms. Ritwika Nanda, Ms. Petal Chandhok and Ms. Aadya Sharma, Advocates (through VC).
Dr (Mrs.) Doma T. Bhutia, Mr. T. R. Barfungpa, Senior Advocates as Amici Curiae.

For Respondent(s)
R-1 to R-12, R-14
& R-15 : Mr. Aaroahi Bhalla, (through VC) and Mr. Zangpo Sherpa, Additional Advocate Generals with Mr. S. K. Chettri, Government Advocate and Mr. Sujan Sunwar, Assistant Government Advocate.

R-13 & R-16 : Ms. Sangita Pradhan, Deputy Solicitor General of India with Ms. Sittal Balmiki and Mr. Amit Kumar Sharma, Advocates.

R-17 : Mr. Rahul Rathi, Advocate.

Date : 14/10/2026

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**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A. MUHAMED MUSTAQUE, CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE BHASKAR RAJ PRADHAN, JUDGE**

ORDER: (per the Hon'ble Chief Justice)

Read our Order dated 17.09.2026.

Communication of Mr. M. K. Subba, Development Area, Gangtok, dated 23.09.2026 along with relevant papers, addressed to the Learned Registrar, High Court of Sikkim, is on board.

Suggestions dated 13.10.2026 on behalf of Mr. Sudhir Mishra, Learned Amicus Curiae, is also on board.

Today, it is submitted by Dr. (Mrs.) Doma T. Bhutia, Learned Senior Counsel assisting this Court as Learned *Amicus Curiae* that reports have been prepared on behalf of the State Government, so also by the Sikkim State Disaster Management Authority (Respondent No.14) pertaining to this subject-matter of the present case.

If that be the case, the State Government shall make available copy of the reports before this Court by the next posting and copy of the same shall be served to all the Learned Amicus Curiae in advance.

Mr. Sudhir Mishra, Learned Amicus Curiae has placed a note dated 13.10.2026 before this Court. As per the note, it is suggested that following parties should be impleaded as additional Respondents:-

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- a. Ministry of Mines, through the Secretary, GPOA-3, Netaji Nagar, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi – 110023, concerning the Geological Survey of India, State Unit: Sikkim, Risur Building, Deorali Bazar, NH-10, Gangtok, Sikkim – 737102.
- b. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, through the Secretary, Kartavya Bhawan 2, New Delhi – 110001, concerning the Press Information Bureau, Gangtok, Block D, Ground Floor, Akashvani Quarter Complex, Arithang, Gangtok, Sikkim – 737101.
- c. Prasar Bharati, through the Head of Office, Akashvani Gangtok, Old MLA Hostel Road, Gangtok, Sikkim – 737101.
- d. Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti, through the Secretary, Shram Shakti Bhawan, Rafi Marg, New Delhi – 110001.”

In light of the note of the Learned *Amicus Curiae* and taking note of the importance of the matter, we *suo moto* implead all the above parties as additionally impleaded Respondents.

Learned Deputy Solicitor General of India takes notice for all the newly impleaded Respondents except for Prasar Bharati, Akashvani Gangtok.

Registry shall issue a notice to the Prasar Bharati *supra* by meeting the necessary expenses.

In the note Mr. Sudhir Mishra, Learned *Amicus Curiae* urged that certain actions are required to be complied immediately. In such circumstances, it is appropriate that the additionally impleaded Respondents as well as the State Government shall file a response to the suggestions by next posting.

Learned Additional Advocate General shall file an affidavit before this Court whether any report has been prepared by the State Agencies in regard to the Rimbi incident that has recently occurred in the State of Sikkim.

The newspaper reports of the Sikkim Express highlighting this issue are taken on board. Learned *Amicus Curiae* is requested to go through the reports and suggest before this Court to prioritize issues which need immediate directions from this Court.

Registry is directed to take necessary steps.

Stand over to 02.11.2026.

(Bhaskar Raj Pradhan)
Judge

(A. Muhamed Mustaque)
Chief Justice