



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

Case No. : WP(C)/186/2024

ALL NAGALAND GOVERNMENT DRIVERS ASSOCIATION (CC) AND 3 ORS
REPRESENTED BY THE GENERAL SECRETARY,
SHRI ASO CIESOTSU,
L. KHEL, KOHIMA VILLAGE,
KOHIMA 797001, NAGALAND 2: SHRI. RAJESH BANWARY

DRIVER

DIRECTORATE OF PRINTING AND STATIONARY

NAGALAND
KOHIMA

3: SHRI GYANA LAMA

DRIVER

DIRECTORATE OF PRINTING AND STATIONARY

NAGALAND
KOHIMA

4: SHRI. T. NGATHINGYO

DRIVER

DIRECTORATE OF PRINTING AND STATIONARY

NAGALAND
KOHIM

VERSUS

THE COMMISSIONER AND SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF NAGALAND

AND 2 ORS
DIRECTORATE OF PRINTING AND STATIONARY,
NAGALAND, KOHIMA 2:THE HOME COMMISSIONER

GOVERNMENT OF NAGALAND

HOME DEPARTMENT

NAGALAND
KOHIMA

3:THE DIRECTOR

DIRECTORATE OF PRINTING AND STATIONARY

NAGALAND
KOHIM

Advocate for the Petitioner : JOSHUA SHEQI

Advocate for the Respondent : GOVT ADV NL

**BEFORE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NELSON SAILO**

ORDER

29.08.2024

By filing this writ petition, the petitioner Nos. 2, 3 & 4 seek for regularization of their service as Drivers since they have been serving for more than 14 years as Drivers on contract basis under the Directorate of Printing and Stationeries, Govt. of Nagaland. According to the petitioners, 50% of the vacancy is to be filled up from in-service employees who have sat for verification committee which was decided in the Meeting Minutes dated

19.09.2023 presided by the Director, Printing and Stationeries. According to the petitioners, there are as many as eight (8) number of vacancies in the Directorate out of the 10 sanctioned post and while they were expecting a verification committee to be constituted for considering their regularization in line with the Office Memorandum dated 22.09.2004, issued by the Personnel & Administrative Reforms Department (Administrative Reforms Branch), it has come to their knowledge that the State Government in the Home Department, Printing and Stationery Branch had granted administrative approval for recruitment of six (6) numbers of Drivers under the Directorate of Printing and Stationeries which was communicated to the Director, Printing and Stationeries on 04.09.2023. According to the petitioners, despite the administrative approval, the recruitment process has not started and since they have been left out from the zone of consideration by regularizing their service, they are before this Court.

In view of above, issue notice of motion returnable by four (4) weeks. Mr. N. Longkumer, learned State Counsel accepts notice on behalf of all the respondents. As

such, no formal notice will be required. Petitioners shall furnish requisite extra copies of the writ petition to the learned State Counsel within two (2) days, if not already done.

List the matter again **after four (4) weeks**.

Also, issue notice on the interim prayer, returnable by four (4) weeks as well. The learned State Counsel shall obtain instructions by the next date.

Sd/-

JUDGE

Comparing Assistant