

GAHC020007222024



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

Case No. : WP(C)/281/2024

SHRI SENTIMEREN AO
H.NO. D 89
PARACIEZIE WARD
KOHIMA NAGALAND-797001

VERSUS

THE STATE OF NAGALAND AND 4 ORS
REPRESENTED BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY
NAGALAND KOHIMA-797001

2:THE FINANCE COMMISSIONER
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
NAGALAND KOHIMA

3:THE COMMISSIONER AND SECRETARY
DIRECTORATE OF HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION
KOHIMA NAGALAND-797001

4:THE SECRETARY
P AND AR DEPARTMENT
NAGALAND KOHIMA-797001

5:THE DIRECTOR
DIRECTORATE OF HIGHER EDUCATION
NAGALAND KOHIMA

6:THE PRINCIPAL
STATE COLLEGE OF TEACHER EDUCATION
KOHIMA NAGALAND-79700

Advocate for the Petitioner : C. T. JAMIR, SR. ADV, I IMCHEN,ALIBA OZUKUM,ASA RUTSA,TOSHI JAMIR,KROVI TSUKRU,NUNGSANG AIER,IMTILA PONGEN,JAWAMONG YADEN,O TEMJEN JAMIR

Advocate for the Respondent : GOVT ADV NL,

BEFORE
HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE YARENJUNGLA LONGKUMER

ORDER
23.04.2026

Heard learned senior counsel for the petitioner, Mr. C.T. Jamir assisted by Ms. Toshi Jamir. Also heard Ms. Bichano Kithan, learned Government Advocate for the State respondents.

By Order dated 05.02.2026, this Court had directed the learned Government Advocate to apprise this Court regarding the outcome of the verification exercise being carried out by the Higher and Technical Education, Department, Nagaland within a period of 4 (four) weeks. Thereafter, when the matter was listed on 02.03.2026, the learned Government Advocate was again given 2 (two) weeks to obtain instructions as directed by this Court on 05.02.2026. Subsequently, the case was again listed on 17.03.2026 on which date the learned Government Advocate submitted that the petitioner's case is under active consideration for regularization and it was further submitted that presently the petitioner's case is pending with the P&AR Department. Taking into account the said submission, this matter was again ordered to be listed on 23.04.2026 for an update.

Today when the matter is called the learned Government Advocate has

produced a copy of the Letter dated 03.03.2026 written by the Under Secretary to the Government of Nagaland, Department of P&AR wherein it is stated that the Department of Higher Education has forwarded an employee's list with the documents enclosed by Letter dated 17.09.2025 and the documents received from the Higher Education Department is currently under scrutiny along with all the other documents by the Committee as the verification/re-verification exercise includes various categories of employees within the State. Learned Government Advocate submits that it is not only the petitioner's documents which are being verified and scrutinized but all other similarly situated persons of the various departments are being processed together. She accordingly prays that she may be given another 4 (four) weeks time to receive the latest update regarding the petitioner's case.

This Court is of the view that the state respondents have been given enough opportunities to complete the process of scrutiny and regularization. However, till date, no concrete steps have been taken and the Government respondents have been taking time again and again.

The learned senior counsel, Mr. C.T. Jamir submits that the other similarly situated persons have not come before this Court whereas the petitioner has approached this Court specifically praying for regularization of his service because he has already retired from service on 31.07.2024 and hence there is urgency. He also prays that if the process of the petitioner's regularization cannot be completed within 4 (four) weeks as prayed for by the learned Government Advocate a direction may be issued to separate the case of the petitioner from the others and to process the

same expeditiously.

In view of the observations made hereinabove, the Government respondents are given another 4 (four) weeks time to complete the process of scrutiny and regularization of the petitioner's service. The learned Government Advocate shall obtain specific instructions regarding the case of the petitioner on the next date without fail.

JUDGE

Comparing Assistant