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

Case No. : WP(C)/151/2025

Heri Talo and 2 Ors
W/C, 1st AAPBN, BHQ, Chimpu, Itanagar.

2: Taw Garam
Age:
Occupation :
Cook
1st AAPBN
BHQ
Chimpu
Itanagar.

3: Biki Tassing
Age:
Occupation :
SWP
1st AAPBN
BHQ
Chimpu
Itanagar

VERSUS

The State of AP and 2 Ors
through the Chief Secretary, Govt of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.

2:The Commissioner
Age: 0
Occupation :
Department of Home
Govt of Arunachal Pradesh
Itanagar.

3:The Director General of Police
Age: 0
Occupation :
Govt of Arunachal Pradesh
PHQ
Itanagar
Arunachal Pradesh

Advocate for the Petitioner : Tony Pertin, Eddie Payeng,H K Jamoh

Advocate for the Respondent : GA (AP),

**BEFORE
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE KARDAK ETE**

ORDER

Date : 25-02-2026

Heard Mr. T. Pertin, learned counsel for the petitioners and Mr. S. Tapin, learned Senior Government Advocate appearing for the State respondents.

2. By filing the present writ petition, the petitioners, who are working as Multi-Tasking Staff (hereinafter referred to as 'MTS') in the Arunachal Pradesh Police, have prayed for a direction to frame Service Rules to regulate the service conditions of MTS of the Police Department; to frame guidelines regulating the charter and hours of duty not exceeding eight (8) hours per day; to grant weekly off-days on Saturdays and Sundays and other gazetted holidays and to extend equal benefits of casual leave as are provided to other Uniformed Police Personnel of the Department.

3. It is noticed that the petitioners had earlier filed a series of writ petitions claiming substantially similar reliefs, including payment of 13 months' compensatory pay to them and other MTS personnel of the Police Department. The said petitions were ultimately withdrawn with liberty to file fresh petition

seeking specific relief. Hence, the present writ petition has been filed.

4. The State has filed its affidavit-in-opposition stating that a four-member Committee, under the chairmanship of the DIGP (HQ), PHQ, Itanagar, has been constituted to consider the claim of the petitioners, including framing of Service Rules/Guidelines to regulate overtime allowance, charter and hours of duty in respect of the MTS. It is stated that, vide letter dated 22.05.2025, a proposal has been submitted to the Government, for enhancement of casual leave from 8 days to 15 days, at par with Uniformed Police personnel.

5. Mr. T. Pertin, learned counsel for the petitioners, has placed on record a communication dated 05.02.2026, issued by the Director General of Police, addressed to the Under Secretary (Home), Government of Arunachal Pradesh.

6. A perusal of the said communication indicates that, after detailed deliberation, the Police Department has decided to propose separate Recruitment Rules for MTS of the Department so as to synchronize the same with the deployment procedure of the State Police Force. Thus, it appears that the grievances of the petitioners have been considered by the Police Department and the proposals have been submitted to the Government for necessary decision and approval.

7. Considering that the grievances of the petitioners are presently under consideration by the competent authorities, this Court deems it appropriate to dispose of the writ petition with the hope and trust that the grievance of the petitioners, including the proposal for separate Recruitment Rules governing the service conditions of MTS, shall be considered expeditiously.

8. Accordingly, the writ petition stands closed with the aforesaid observations.

9. Needless to observe that the petitioners shall be at liberty to approach this Court again, if their grievances are not duly considered.

JUDGE

Comparing Assistant