

HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA
AT SHILLONG

WP(C) No. 281 of 2017 with
WP(C) No. 360 of 2017

Date of order: 05.10.2023

Meghalaya College Teachers Association vs The State of Meghalaya

Coram:

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjib Banerjee, Chief Justice
Hon'ble Mr. Justice B. Bhattacharjee, Judge

Appearance:

For the Petitioner : Mr R. Mazumdar, Adv.

For the Respondent : Mr A. Kumar, AG (VC) with
Mr A.H. Kharwanlang, Addl Sr GA
Ms A. Thungwa, GA

A set of suggestions in respect of the draft rules circulated on behalf of the State on the last occasion has been handed over by Advocate for the petitioners to Advocate for the State in Court today.

2. The petitioners also suggest that the State should take expeditious steps to create a trust and to open a provident fund account with a nationalised bank with the deposit of a substantial corpus. According to the petitioners, once this is done, the quantum of provident fund per person or the mode and manner of disbursal thereof can be worked out. The State has also agreed to such suggestion, in principle.

3. Since the parties appear to be in a position to resolve the imbroglio that has continued for a considerable period of time, let the matter appear next four weeks hence.

4. It needs to be recorded at this stage that WP(C) No. 281 of 2017 pertains to deficit grant-in-aid colleges, whereas WP(C) No.360 of 2017 pertains to ad hoc grant-in-aid colleges.

5. It is submitted on behalf of the petitioners that in respect of ad hoc grant-in-aid colleges, there is no provision for provident fund and retiring teachers leave with no security for the future. The petitioners urge the State to look into such aspect of the matter and come up with an equitable proposal in such regard.

6. It is hoped that such aspect of the matter also receives the State's attention.

7. List on November 3, 2023.

(B. Bhattacharjee)
Judge

(Sanjib Banerjee)
Chief Justice

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