

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF MANIPUR
AT IMPHAL**

**W.P. (C) No. 31 of 2026 with
MC(W.P. (C)) No. 39 of 2026**

Guruaribam Shiksharathi Sharma and 126
Ors.

.... Petitioners

- Versus -

State of Manipur and 5 Ors.

.... Respondents

**B E F O R E
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A. GUNESHWAR SHARMA**

ORDER

15.01.2026

[1] Heard Mr. HS Paonam, learned sr. counsel assisted by Mr. M. Chinglemba, learned counsel for the petitioners.

[2] The 127 nos. of petitioners are Assistant Professors who are appointed by vide order dated 08.02.2024 issued by Director (University & Higher Education), Govt. of Manipur on contract basis in pursuance to advertisement dated 26.03.2021 under UGC norms. Since their appointment, they have been posted in different Govt. Colleges. However, recently State Govt. issued a notification dated 05.12.2025 for appointment of 419 (four hundred nineteen) Assistant Professors in Government Colleges. It is stated that the advertisement included the 127 posts held by the petitioners who were appointed as Assistant Professors on contract basis.

[3] The learned sr. counsel for the petitioners emphasis that the appointment of the petitioners is in terms of the applicable UGC norms and by open advertisement.

[4] The petitioners have also filed a common representation dated 08.01.2026 for regularization to the (i) Commissioner (University & Higher Education), Govt. of Manipur, (ii) Director, Higher and Technical Education, Govt.

of Manipur & (iii) Chairman, Manipur Public Service Commission (MPSC) for considering the case of the 130 (one hundred thirty) contractual Assistant Professors.

[5] Mr. HS Paonam, learned sr. counsel for the petitioners submits that the impugned notification dated 05.12.2025 be set aside and State Govt. may be directed to consider the regularization of the 127 nos. of petitioners to the posts held by them.

[6] Issue notice.

[7] Mr. Th. Sukumar, learned GA accepts notice on behalf of respondent nos. 1 to 4 (State Govt.), Mr. L. Rajesh, learned counsel accepts notice on behalf of respondent no. 5 (MPSC) and Ms. Ch. Monibala, learned counsel representing Mr. S. Jasobanta, learned counsel accepts notice on behalf of the respondent no. 6 (UGC). Hence, service is complete on the respondents.

[8] Pendency of the present writ petition will not bar the State Authority from considering the representation dated 08.01.2026 submitted by the petitioners. Speaking order, if any, may preferably be passed before conduct of the proposed recruitment/test.

[9] List these cases on 20.02.2026.

JUDGE

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