

Item No.17

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

WP(C)No.98 of 2022

Yumnam Tiken Singh & Anr.

...Petitioners

- Versus -

State of Manipur Anr.

...Respondents

BEFORE
HON'BLE JUSTICE MR. JUSTICE A. GUNESHWAR SHARMA
ORDER

06.03.2024.

[1] Present Mr. Kh. Tarunkumar, learned senior counsel assisted by Ms. Nirmala, learned counsel on behalf of the petitioners and Mr. Th. Sukumar, learned GA for the State respondents.

[2] Mr. Kh. Tarunkumar, learned senior counsel submits that the petitioners were appointed in the erstwhile Aided College as Assistant Librarian and their appointments were confirmed by the State respondents.

[3] In the year 2019, the Government of Manipur converted 6(six) Aided Colleges namely, Biramangol College, Kakching Khunou College, Kakching, Liberal College, Luwangsangbam, Mayai Lambi College, Yumnam Huidrom, Standard College, Kongba and Thambal Marik College, Oinam as Government Colleges and various posts were created absorbing the existing Teaching and Non-Teaching staffs. However, in the post creation order dated 22.02.2021, the posts of Assistant Librarian were missing and the posts of Library Assistant were created. Accordingly, the petitioners and others were absorbed against

the newly created posts of Library Assistant vide order dated 07.03.2019.

[4] Being aggrieved by the action of the State Government, the petitioners submitted representations through the Principal of the respective College for making corrigendum in the order dated 22.02.2019 to rectify the posts of Library Assistant as Assistant Librarian.

[5] It is submitted that the Recruitment Rules for Assistant Librarian, 1995 is still in existence and the post is not deleted or amended.

[6] Mr. Th. Sukumar, learned GA referring to the counter affidavit filed by the State respondents submits that in the newly converted 6(six) Colleges, the posts of Library Assistant are created. Accordingly, the petitioners were adjusted against the newly created posts of Library Assistant and the post of Assistant Librarian has been re-designated as Library Assistant in the ROP, 1999.

[7] Mr. Kh. Tarunkumar, learned senior counsel for the petitioners has pointed out that even after the ROP, 1999, many employees have been promoted to the post of Assistant Librarian in the Department of Higher Education, Govt. of Manipur.

[8] Mr. Th. Sukumar, learned GA prays for some time for getting instruction as to whether the post of Assistant Librarian is still in existence or not in the Department of Higher Education, Manipur with respect to the Government Colleges.

[9] Two weeks' time is granted to the learned GA for doing the needful.

[10] List on 05.04.2024 as part heard.

JUDGE

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