

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

WP(C) No. 102 of 2026

Kh. Molina & ors.

... Petitioners

Vs.

Union of India & anr.

... Respondents

With

MC(WP(C)) No. 110 of 2026

**B E F O R E
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AHANTHEM BIMOL SINGH**

O R D E R

10-02-2026

Heard Mr. N. Ibotombi, learned senior counsel assisted by Mr. Th. Ningtamba, learned counsel appearing for the petitioners, who are 15 (fifteen) in number.

Issue notice, returnable within three weeks.

Mr. N. Nongdamba, learned counsel assisting Mr. Kh. Samarjit, learned DSGI and senior counsel appeared and accepts notice on behalf of the respondents, hence no formal notice is called for.

It is the case of the petitioners that pursuant to the Advertisement dated 06-11-2012 notifying 71 (seventy one) posts of Staff Nurses for direct recruitment in the Regional Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS), all the petitioners applied and appeared in the selection process. It is the case of the petitioners that the result was declared vide Notice dated 07-04-2012 and the names of the petitioners were included in the Waiting List. It is the case of the petitioners

that after filling up the advertised 71 posts, some vacancies in the posts of Staff Nurses arose and against those vacancies, all the petitioners were appointed as Staff Nurses on contract basis vide order dated 11-06-2013. It is also the case of the petitioners that the petitioners have been allowed to continue in their services by the authorities by extending the period of their contractual appointment and that their period of contractual appointment was lastly extended upto 01-01-2026 vide order dated 30-10-2025 issued by the Deputy Director (Admn.), RIMS. It has been submitted on behalf of the petitioners that the petitioners are still continuing to discharge their duties as Staff Nurses till today and that they have rendered about 12 years continued service. The present writ petition has been filed with a prayer for directing the respondents to regularize the contractual services of the petitioners as Staff Nurses (now Nursing Officer), RIMS, taking into consideration their long continued service.

It has been submitted by the learned senior counsel that as the authorities are taking up process for filling up the vacant posts of 54 Nursing Officers on temporary basis by outsourcing it and that unless an interim order is passed for allowing the petitioners to continue in service, they will be ousted from service. The learned senior counsel, accordingly, prays for passing an interim order for allowing the petitioners to continue as Nursing Officers in RIMS during the pendency of this writ petition.

Mr. Kh. Samarjit, learned DSGI and senior counsel appearing for the respondents fairly submitted that he has received instruction that the petitioners are still continuing as Nursing Officers and that they are

discharging their duties. It has further been submitted by the learned senior counsel appearing for the respondents that the authorities have already taken up process for filling up the aforesaid 54 posts of Nursing Officers by direct recruitment, however, because of an interim order passed by this court, the result of the said selection process could not be announced. It has further been submitted that in order to utilize the service of the Nursing Officers, which is greatly needed in RIMS, the authorities have taken up recourse of engaging Nursing Officers on outsourcing basis to meet exigency of service. The learned senior counsel also submitted that the respondents may be given three weeks' time to file a detailed affidavit and to consider the prayer for passing interim order on the next date.

As prayed for by the learned senior counsel appearing for the respondents, list these cases again on 20-03-2026 for consideration of the prayer for passing interim order. However, as an interim measure and till the next date of hearing, the respondents are directed to allow the petitioners to continue as Nursing Officers in RIMS.

JUDGE

Devananda