

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

**MC(W.P. (C)) No. 133 of 2026 with
MC(W.P. (C)) No. 872 of 2026 with
W.P. (C) No. 942 of 2025**

G Poufullung Kabui and 3 Ors.

... Applicants

- Versus -

State of Manipur and 4 Ors

... Respondents

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

ORDER

18.02.2026

[1] Present Mr. N. Ibotombi, learned sr. counsel assisted by Ms. Y. Jinita, learned counsel for the petitioners and Mr. Th. Sukumar, learned GA for the State respondents.

[2] The petitioners are aggrieved by a notification dated 06.11.2025 issued by Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Health & FW), Govt. of Manipur notifying "The Manipur Medical Postgraduate Seat Allotment Schemes, 2025" and the same is done in supersession of earlier schemes for allotment of postgraduate seats in medial colleges/institutes under the Govt. of Manipur. In the notification dated 06.11.2025, 50% of the seats in every medical college/institute shall be reserved for the All India Quota (AIQ) and remaining 50% of the seats shall be reserved for State Quota (SQ). It is pointed out that the Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences (JNIMS) has a scheme, called "Time Scale Promotion (Regularly appointed Senior Residents/Tutor/Demonstrator/Lady Medical Officer possessing Post Graduate Degree) (1st Amendment) Rules, 2022" vide notification dated 16.02.2022 issued by Director, JNIMS and by this, 4(four) PG seats are earmarked for the years 2021-2025 and the scheme is to lapse in the year, 2025. For the year, 2025, 1(one) seat each in Anaesthesiology, Medicine, Paediatrics & Respiratory

Medicine have reserved for the Senior Residents, etc. of JNIMS. Vide another notification dated 21.10.2022 issued by Director, JNIMS that the Senior Casualty Medical Officer/ Casualty Medical Officers are also eligible for consideration under certain conditions. In the new notification, 4(four) seats reserved for JNIMS sponsored candidates have been left out and the petitioners challenged the same by way of writ petition being W.P. (C) No. 942 of 2025 and on 28.11.2025, while issuing notice, this Court directed respondent no. 4 to reserve 4(four) seats for the year, 2025 for PG course in JNIMS under JNIMS scheme of 2022 i.e. "Time Scale Promotion (Regularly appointed Senior Residents/Tutor/Demonstrator/Lady Medical Officer possessing Post Graduate Degree) (1st Amendment) Rules, 2022" and the relevant portion of order dated 28.11.2025 is reproduced below:

"[5] In the circumstances, list these cases on 02-12-2025. However, 4 seats for the year, 2025 for PG in JNIMS be reserved for consideration of the persons for JNIMS Scheme of 2022 subject to the outcome of the writ petition."

[3] In pursuance of this interim order, Director of Medical Education, Govt. of Manipur reserved 4(four) seats in the Department of Anaesthesiology, Medicine, Paediatrics & Respiratory Medicine in the name of the 4(four) writ petitioners.

[4] The petitioners also moved an application being MC(W.P. (C)) No. 133 of 2026 for allowing the petitioners to participate in the counselling of the PG course for the year 2025-2026 and seats are reserved against their name and the minimum eligibility criteria has been reduced to '0' percentile for SC/ST/OBC including PwBD of SC/ST/OBC by the National Board of Examination in Medical Sciences, New Delhi vide notice dated 13.01.2026.

[5] Mr. Th. Sukumar, learned GA prays for some time for taking instructions and it is stated that the prayer made in the application, if allowed, will amount to disposal of the writ petition.

[6] This Court has gone through the materials on record and in the interim order dated 28.11.2025 in W.P. (C) No. 942 of 2025, it is specifically

mentioned in 'para-5' that 4(four) seats for the year 2025 for PG course in JNIMS have to be reserved for consideration of the persons for JNIMS Scheme of 2022 subject to the outcome of the writ petition. However, in compliance of the order dated 28.11.2025, the State authority has reserved 4(four) seats as mentioned for the year 2025 as per the JNIMS Scheme of 2022 against the name of the present writ petitioners. This Court wants to know as to whether there are other eligible candidates under the JNIMS Scheme of 2022 for consideration against the 4(four) seats in Medicine, Pathology, Paediatrics & Respiratory Medicine. Learned GA is directed to verify the same for consideration against the 4(four) seats earmarked by the authority in view of the letter dated 01.12.2025 issued by the Director of Medical Education, Govt. of Manipur.

[7] List these cases on 23.02.2026.

[8] Furnish a copy of this order to the learned counsel appearing for the parties in the course of the day by whatsapp or any other available mode for information.

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