

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

MC(WP(C)) No. 133 of 2026

G. Poufullung Kabui & 3 Ors.

...Applicants

- Versus -

State of Manipur & 4 Ors.

...Respondents

**With
MC(WP(C)) No. 872 of 2025
WP(C) No. 942 of 2025**

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

ORDER

23-02-2026

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

[2] The petitioner Nos. 1, 2 & 4 are Senior Residents and petitioner No. 3 is the Tutor/Demonstrator in Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences (JNIMS). By the Time Scale Promotion (Regularly appointed Senior Residents/Tutor/Demonstrator/Lady Medical Officer possessing Post-Graduate Degree) (1st Amendment) Rules, 2022, four seats in PG have been reserved for the non-post graduate officers mentioned above and the scheme is valid for the years 2021-2025 and the present year is the last year of the scheme. However, the State Government notified "The Manipur Medical Postgraduate Seat Allotment Schemes, 2025" for admission of PG seats in the medical college/institute in the State of Manipur and out of this,

50% seats is reserved for All India Quota (AIQ) and the remaining 50% for the State Quota (SQ). In the State quota, the four seats reserved under the JNIMS scheme of 2022 has been deleted and by the present petition, the petitioners mainly challenged that the four seats for the year, 2025 be earmarked and to implement the JNIMS sponsored scheme for the post graduate course of 2025. It may be noted that the JNIMS Scheme of 2022 was relied by this Court in the case of **Dr. Ibetombi Kshetrimayum Vs. State of Manipur & 3 Ors** reported as **2025 Volume 2 Manipur Law Journal 289** and held that the decision of **Dr. Tanvi Behl Vs. Shrey Goel**, reported as **2025 INSC 125** has not superseded the JNIMS Scheme of 2022. The matter attained finality as the Division Bench of this Court upheld the decision and SLP was dismissed. In the circumstances, vide order dated 28-11-2025, this Court passed an interim order directing the respondents to reserve four seats for the year, 2025 for PG in JNIMS for consideration under JNIMS Scheme of 2022. In compliance of the interim order dated 28-11-2025, the Director of Medical Education, Government of Manipur issued a letter dated 01-12-2025 to reserve four seats for the petitioners herein. Copy of the letter is reproduced below:—

*“DIRECTORATE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION
Government of Manipur*

No. DME/5/1/2025

Imphal, the 1st December, 2025

To

1. *Director, JNIMS.*
2. *Dean (Academics), JNIMS.*
(Convenor PG NEET Counselling Committee)

*Subject: Permission to comply with Hon'ble High Court Court's order
dated 28/11/2025 passed in WP(C) No. 942 of 2025.*

Madam,

With reference to your letter No. JNIMS/Acaddemics-

3(68)PG/Counselling/2025 (Pt.I) dated 29/11/2025, I am to convey that Government of Manipur, Health Department has conveyed the approval to reserve 4 (four) seats for the petitioners, namely

- i) Dr. G. Poufullung Kabui - Department of medicine
- ii) Dr. Kh. Tonny Singh - Department of Pathology`
- iii) Dr. Khollung Longmei - Department of Paediatrics
- iv) Dr. Md. Firoz Khan - Department of Respiratory medicine.

The reservation of the seats is in compliance of the Hon'ble High Court's order. The allotment of the seats will be subject to the outcome of the WP(C) No. 942 of 2025 and also it will be subject to the qualification of the petitioner in PG NEET.

This is issued with the approval of the competent authority.

*Yours faithfully,
Sd/-
(Somorjit Salam)
Director of Medical Educaiton,
Government of Manipur"*

[3] After this, the four petitioners filed the present MC(WP(C)) No. 133 of 2026 for allowing them to participate in the counselling for admission to the PG course 2025-2026 in the four reserved seats against their names in terms of the letter dated 01-12-2025 issued by the Director of Medical Education, Government of Manipur.

[4] After perusing the materials on record and submissions of the parties, this Court is of the view that in the interim order dated 28-11-2025, the direction was to reserve four PG seats under the JNIMS Scheme of 2025 for the subjects, i.e. General Medicine, Pathology, Paediatrics and Respiratory Medicine. However, in the letter dated 01-12-2025 issued by the Director of Medical Education, Government of Manipur, four seats were reserved against the names of the four petitioners. In order to avoid the situation where eligible persons other than the petitioners are not left out, on 18-02-2026 this Court directed the learned Government Advocate to verify as to whether availability of any other eligible candidates apart from the four petitioners before this Court.

[5] When the matters are taken up today, Mr. Th. Sukumar, learned Government Advocate for the State respondents, has produced a copy of the letter dated nil February, 2026 issued by the Director, JNIMS, Imphal to the learned Government Advocate confirming that for General Medicine, Pathology and Respiratory Medicine, there are no other eligible candidates and for Paediatrics, one Dr. Ruthi Remei is also available. However, she has not appeared in NEET-PG 2025 and not submitted any application and hence, she will not be eligible for consideration against the JNIMS seats. The letter dated nil February, 2026 is taken on record. A scanned copy of the letter is reproduced hereinbelow:—

**GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR
JAWAHARLAL NEHRU INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES
POROMPAT, IMPHAL EAST MANIPUR – 795005**

No. JIMS/Academic.3(68)/P.G Counselling/2025(Pt-II): 206 Imphal the ... February, 2026

To

Th. Sukumar Singh,
Addl. Government Advocate
(High Court), Manipur.

Subject:

W.P. (C) No.942 of 2025
Dr.G.Poufullung Kabui & 3 Ors.
-vs-
The State of Manipur & Ors.

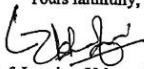
Sir,

In inviting reference to your letter No. 102/637(K)/2025-GA(C)/507-F dated 19 February, 2026 regarding the above cited subject, wherein the query was raised by the Hon'ble Court in its order dated 18/02/2026 whether there are other eligible candidates under the JNIMS scheme of 2022 for consideration against the 4 (Four) seats in General Medicine, Pathology, Paediatrics & Respiratory Medicine. I am herewith submitting that the Non-PG Regular Senior Residents Doctors besides the 4 (Four) petitioners namely; Dr. G. Poufullung Kabui (General Medicine), Dr. Kh. Tonny Singh (Pathology), Dr. Khollung Longmei (Paediatrics) and Dr. Md. Firoz Khan (Respiratory Medicine) are as follows:

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|-------------------------|---|-----------------|
| 1. General Medicine | - | None |
| 2. Pathology | - | None |
| 3. Paediatrics | - | Dr. Ruthi Remei |
| 4. Respiratory Medicine | - | None |

Whereas, Dr. Ruthi Remei has not appeared in NEET-PG 2025 and also not submitted application form for admission to PG courses in JNIMS, Imphal for the academic year 2025-2026, hence she is not an eligible Non-PG Regular Senior Resident.

Yours faithfully,

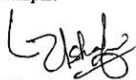

(Prof. Longjam Usharani Devi)
Director
JNIMS, Imphal.

No. JIMS/Academic.3(68)/P.G Counselling/2025(Pt-II):

Imphal the ... February, 2026

Copy to:

1. The Commissioner (Health & Family Welfare), Government of Manipur.
2. The Director Medical Education, Government of Manipur.
3. The Dean (Academics), JNIMS, Imphal.
4. File.


(Prof. Longjam Usharani Devi)
Director
JNIMS, Imphal.

[6] Mr. N. Ibotombi, learned senior counsel for the petitioners, submits that since any other candidates are not available under the JNIMS Scheme of 2022 for the year 2025 against the four subjects of General Medicine, Pathology, Paediatrics and Respiratory Medicine, the four petitioners may be allowed to participate in the counselling against the State quota for admission to the PG Course 2025-2026 which is going to be started today, i.e. 23-02-2026.

[7] Mr. Th. Sukumar, learned Government Advocate for the State respondents, submits that the participation of the petitioners for counselling in the State seats and their subsequent admission, if any, shall be made subject to the "The Manipur Medical Postgraduate Seat Allotment Schemes, 2025".

[8] This Court has perused the materials on record and in terms of the interim order dated 28-11-2025, four seats have been reserved out of the State quota for consideration under JNIMS Scheme of 2022. The letter dated nil February, 2026 of the Director of JNIMS states that any other candidates under the JNIMS scheme are not available. In the circumstances, the petitioners are allowed to participate in the four seats reserved under the JNIMS scheme of 2022 in terms of the interim order dated 28-11-2025, letter dated 01-12-2025 and letter dated nil February, 2026.

[9] It is made clear that the participation of the petitioners in the counselling for the State quota in PG course in JNIMS starting from 23-02-2026 and admission, if any, will be subject to the outcome of the writ petition.

[10] MC(WP(C)) No. 133 of 2026 is allowed and disposed of.

[11] List the remaining matters on 10-03-2026.

[12] Learned Government Advocate for the State respondents, prays for some time to file counter affidavit in the main petition.

[13] 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 modes.

JUDGE

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