

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

WP(C) No. 216 of 2023

Phurailatpam Keny Devi

... *Petitioner*

Vs.

UPSC & ors.

... *Respondents*

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

O R D E R

05-06-2025

Heard Mr. Kh. Tarunkumar, learned senior counsel appearing for the petitioner; Mr. Amarjit Naorem, learned counsel appearing for the respondents No. 1 and 2, Mr. S. Kaminikumar, learned CGSC appearing for the respondent No. 3 and Mr. S. Jasobanta, learned counsel appearing for the respondent No. 4.

The present writ petition has been filed challenging the action of the respondents in rejecting the candidature of the present writ petitioner for the post of Senior Grade of Indian Information Service in the Manipuri Language which was notified vide notification issued by the UPSC. By an interim order dated 03-03-2023 passed by this court in the present writ petition, the respondents were directed to allow the petitioner to appear in the Interview for the said post to be started from 13-03-2023 with the allotted Roll Nos. 849/859, as applicable. It was also made clear by this court that the appearance of the petitioner will be subject to the outcome of this writ petition and that the result may be kept under Sealed Cover.

Mr. Amarjit Naorem, learned counsel appearing for the respondents No. 1 and 2 submitted before this court that pursuant to the said interim order passed by this court, the petitioner was allowed to

appear in the Interview and the result has been kept under Sealed Cover.

In my considered view, it will be in the interests of justice to allow the concerned authorities to open the said Sealed Cover and to verify whether the petitioner has been selected for the post she had applied. In the event of her being not selected, the present writ petition can be closed. However, in the event, it is found that the petitioner is selected for the post she had applied, the present writ petition can be heard on merit as this court has already observed that her appearance in the Interview will be subject to the outcome of this writ petition. Accordingly, the respondents No. 1 and 2 are directed to verify from the result sheet of the said Interview as to whether the petitioner has been selected or not after opening the said Sealed Cover. The counsel for the respondents No. 1 and 2 is also directed to inform this court the result of the petitioner confidentially and under the Sealed Cover on the next date of hearing.

A copy of this order be furnished to Mr. Amarjit Naorem, learned counsel through his WhatsApp/e-mail for doing the needful.

As prayed for, list this case again on 15-07-2025.

JUDGE

Devananda