

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

**WP(C) No. 266 of 2022 With  
WP(C) No. 243 of 2022**

S.J. Neethi Rajan

.....*Petitioner/s*

- Versus –

Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) & 3 Ors.

.... *Respondent/s*

BEFORE

**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AHANTHEM BIMOL SINGH**

**21.11.2022**

Mr. RK. Deepak, learned counsel appeared for the petitioners and Mr. S. Suresh, learned counsel appeared for the respondents.

The learned counsel for the respondents seeks ten days further time as last chance for filing counter affidavit on behalf of the respondents in both the writ petitions. This prayer is objected to by the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner by submitting that because of the contemplated departmental enquiry, the petitioner is not receiving any of his retiral and pensionary benefits and the petitioner is suffering like anything. The learned counsel for the petitioner also submitted that the second hearing in connection with the Department Enquiry has been fixed on 25.11.2022 and accordingly, a prayer has been made for passing interim order for suspending the further proceedings of the said Departmental Enquiry. Since the issue raised in the present writ petition can be decided after considering the counter affidavit on behalf of the respondents, this Court is allowing ten days time to the respondents as a last chance to file their counter affidavit.

It is made clear that if the respondents failed to file their counter affidavit on or before the next date, necessary interim order as deemed fit and proper will be passed on the next date.

As prayed for, list these cases again on 02.12.2022.

**JUDGE**

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