

IN THE HIGH COURT OF MANIPUR
AT IMPHAL

WP(C) No. 324 of 2025

K. Jugeshwar

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Manipur & ors.

... Respondents

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AHANTHEM BIMOL SINGH

O R D E R

20-03-2026

Heard Mr. Juno Rahman, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and Mr. Shyam Sharma, learned GA appearing for the respondents.

The case of the petitioner is that after holding a Departmental Enquiry against him, he was awarded a major penalty of “**Removal from Service**” by the Commandant, 5th Indian Reserve Battalion by issuing an order dated 12-03-2025 while the petitioner was serving as a Havildar in the 5th Indian Reserve Battalion, Thenguchingjin. Against the said order, the petitioner preferred a Statutory Appeal to the Inspector General of Police (AP/OPS), Manipur and the said Statutory Appeal is still pending for consideration and disposal by the authority.

The present writ petition has been filed with the prayer for directing the Inspector General of Police (AP/OPS), Manipur (respondent No. 2), to consider and dispose of the said Statutory Appeal filed by the petitioner within a stipulated period.

The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the present writ petition may be disposed of by directing the respondent No. 2 to consider the Statutory Appeal dated 05-03-2025 filed by the petitioner on its own merit and strictly in terms of the

applicable rules/ guidelines and to dispose of the same by issuing a speaking order within a stipulated period.

Mr. Shyam Sharma, learned GA appearing for the respondents fairly submitted that as the authorities are duty bound to consider and dispose of the Statutory Appeal filed by the petitioner, he has no objection in disposing of this writ petition as prayed for by the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner.

In view of the limited prayer in the present writ petition and considering the submission of the learned counsel appearing for the parties, this court is of the considered view that it will be in the interest of justice to issue the following directions:-

- (i) The Inspector General of Police (AP/OPS), Manipur, is hereby directed to consider the said Statutory Appeal dated 05-03-2024 filed by the petitioner on its own merit and strictly in terms of the applicable rules/ guidelines and to dispose of the same by issuing a speaking order;
- (ii) The whole process should be completed within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order;
- (iii) The respondent No. 2 is hereby directed to communicate a copy of the order passed by him in connection with the Statutory Appeal to the petitioner as soon as possible; and
- (iv) It is made clear that the aforesaid directions have been issued without touching upon the merit of the case.

With the aforesaid directions, the present writ petition is disposed of.

JUDGE

Devananda