

IN THE HIGH COURT OF MANIPUR  
AT IMPHAL

**WP(C) No. 322 of 2026**

V. John & ors.

*... Petitioners*

Vs.

Union of India & ors.

*... Respondents*

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

**O R D E R**

**06-05-2026**

Heard Mr. H.S. Paonam, learned senior counsel assisted by Mr. S. Gunabanta, learned counsel appearing for the petitioners.

Issue notice, returnable within four weeks.

Mr. Amarjit, learned counsel representing Mr. S. Kaminikumar, learned CGSC entered appearance and accepts notice on behalf of respondent No. 1 and Mr. Shyam Sharma, learned GA entered appearance and accepts notice on behalf of respondents No. 3 and 4, hence no formal notice is called for in respect of the said respondents.

Petitioners are to take steps for service of notice upon respondent No. 2 by way of speed post service as well as by dasti service.

Steps should be taken within one week and the petitioners are to file an affidavit showing proof of service of such notice.

It has been submitted by the learned counsel appearing for the parties that in view of the nature of the grievances raised by the petitioners in this writ petition and the reliefs sought for therein, there is

element of an amicable settlement of the dispute through mediation proceedings.

In view of the submission made above, registry is directed to refer this matter to the Mediation Centre, High Court of Manipur, for exploring the possibility of an amicable settlement.

The petitioners or any person duly authorized by them in writing and the respondents or any officer duly authorized by them in writing who can settle the issue are to be present before the appointed Mediator, either physically or through VC platform, on 15-05-2026 at 01:30 PM. The Secretary, High Court Legal Services Committee, is requested to arrange and facilitate the mediation proceeding through Video Conferencing.

A copy of this order be furnished to all the counsel appearing for the parties through their WhatsApp/e-mail during the course of the day for doing the needful.

**JUDGE**

*Devananda*