

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

WP(C) No. 350 of 2026

Mutum Suraj Singh & 2 Ors.

...Petitioners

- Versus -

State of Manipur Agri & Anr.

...Respondents

**With
MC(WP(C)) No. 372 of 2026**

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

ORDER

19-05-2026

[1] Heard Mr. Ch. Robinchandra, learned counsel for the petitioners.

[2] The petitioner Nos. 1 & 3, who appeared in the recruitment examination of Agriculture Officer and Assistant Agriculture Officer vide notification dated 15-03-2024 issued by the Director of Agriculture, Government of Manipur, challenge the notification itself, i.e. 15-03-2024 and the notification dated 09-05-2026 whereby the dates for *viva voce* have been fixed from 20-05-2026 to 23-05-2026. The main ground for challenge is that in terms of the Cabinet decision dated 15-01-2024, the recruitment should be notified through Manipur Public Service Commission (MPSC) and having failed to do so, the recruitment itself is in violation of Office Memorandum dated 16-07-2021 and also the Cabinet decision dated 15-01-2024. Learned counsel for the petitioners also prays for stay of the conduct of *viva voce* and the result of the same.

[3] Issue notice.

[4] Mr. Th. Sukumar, learned Government Advocate, accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos. 1 & 2 and hence, service is complete on the respondents.

[5] Learned Government Advocate prays for two weeks' time for filing counter affidavit. It is submitted by Mr. Th. Sukumar, learned Government Advocate, that the petitioners have no locus in filing the present writ petition and the notification dated 15-03-2024 was issued by the Department as the MPSC was not fully functional at the relevant time and the permission was taken from the Cabinet for exemption from consulting the MPSC.

[6] This Court is not passing any interim order in the fact of the present case at this moment.

[7] List these cases on 13-07-2026.

JUDGE

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