

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

**WP(C) No. 402 of 2026 with  
MC(WP(C)) No. 417 of 2026**

Caroline Zothangmawi

... *Petitioner*

- *Versus* -

State of Manipur and 3 Ors.

... *Respondents*

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

**ORDER**

01.06.2026

[1] Present Mr. Thangchunghnung Leivon, learned counsel for the petitioner.

[2] The petitioner, who is a Vice-Principal of Churachandpur College challenges the order dated 14.05.2026 issued by Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Higher & Technical Education Department, Govt. of Manipur conferring the respondent no. 4 to look after the post of Principal, Churachandpur College purely as an interim arrangement and in public interest until a regular Principal or an in-charge Principal is appointed as the incumbent Principal is seriously injured in an unfortunate accident. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that impugned order dated 14.05.2026 is purely against the O.M. dated 03.10.2020 issued by Department of Personnel, Govt. of Manipur for making appointment on in-charge arrangement to the seniormost feeder, when eligible persons are not available for making appointment. It is submitted that petitioner is Vice-Principal of Churachandpur College and is at sl. no. 2 of the seniority list and private respondent no. 4, to whom look after arrangement is made is at sl. no. 7 of the seniority list. The impugned order has been issued to bypass the requirement of O.M.

[3] Mr. Th. Sukumar, learned GA for the State respondents submits that he may be given 2(two) days' time to take instructions as this is an interim arrangement prior to appointment of in-charge Principal.

[4] List this case on 03.06.2026 in motion column awaiting necessary instructions from the State respondents.

**JUDGE**

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