

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

**WP(C) No. 413 of 2026 with  
MC(WP(C) No. 430 of 2026**

M/S Radhika Express Service

.....*Petitioner/s*

*-Versus-*

State of Manipur & Anr.

.....*Respondent/s*

**BEFORE  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A. GUNESHWAR SHARMA**

**Order**

**05.06.2026**

[1] Heard Mr. HS. Paonam, learned senior counsel assisted by Mr. N. Bipin, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr. S. Nepolean, learned Sr. G.A. assisted by Mrs. RK. Emily, learned Dy. G.A. on behalf of the State respondent.

[2] The respondent No. 2 (Director of Social Welfare, Manipur) issued a Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) dated 02.01.2026 inviting bids from intending transport contractors for transportation of WBNP (rice) from FCI Depots to various Offices of the Social Welfare Department and also for Micronutrient. In pursuance to the NIT, six bidders, i.e., (i) M/s Transking Carrier Private Limited, (ii) M/s S V Constructions, (iii) M/s RADHIKA EXPRESS SERVICE, (iv) M/s Jai Hanuman, (v) M/s R.K. & CO. and (vi) M/s N.R. Mathai Enterprises, have submitted their bids. Out of that, only three bidders, i.e, (i) M/s Transking Carrier Private Limited (L-1), (ii) M/s Jai Hanuman (L-2) and (iii) M/s RADHIKA EXPRESS SERVICE (L-2), have been found technically qualified.

[3] As per the financial bid report, M/s Transking Carrier Private Limited (L-1) in all the routes, M/s Jai Hanuman (L-2) in thirteen routes and M/s RADHIKA EXPRESS SERVICE (L-2) in three routes. However, after some negotiation about the rate, the tender was cancelled vide order dated 24.04.2026 issued by respondent No. 2 and the proposal of respondent No. 2 for transporting by departmental arrangement till retendering is done as approved by the administrative department.

[4] The petitioner, i.e., M/s RADHIKA EXPRESS SERVICE challenged the cancellation order and engagement by departmental arrangement for transportation of food grains and micronutrients by way of the present writ petition.

[5] It is submitted that M/s Transking Carrier Private Limited has challenged the impugned order in WP(C) No. 329 of 2026 and vide order dated 07.05.2026 passed by this Court (Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ahanthem Bimol Singh), direction was issued not to proceed with retendering for the sixteen routes without the leave of the Court.

[6] Issue notice.

[7] Mrs. RK. Emily, learned Dy. G.A. assisting Mr. S. Nepolean, learned Sr. G.A. accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos. 1 & 2. Hence service is complete on all the respondents.

[8] Mr. HS. Paonam, learned senior counsel for the petitioner, submits that the impugned order of cancellation of NIT and the order for retendering and alternate arrangement be stayed during the pendency of the present petition. Alternatively, he prays that since there are only three technically qualified bidders in the cancelled NIT, they may be considered for including in transportation under departmental arrangement till regular transport contractors are appointed.

[9] Mr. S. Nepolean, learned Sr. G.A., submits that he may be given some time for taking instruction on the proposal for three technically qualified bidders making a part of the departmental arrangement for transportation till new NIT is floated. Regarding stay of cancellation of NIT and retender, learned G.A. explains that the order dated 07.05.2026 has already passed by another co-ordinate Court in

WP(C) No. 329 of 2026 and no further order is required from this Hon'ble Court.

[10] This Court has perused the materials on record and the main interim prayer of the petitioner for stay of impugned order has been taken care by the order dated 07.05.2026 passed in WP(C) No. 329 of 2026. Hence no further direction is required from this Court. However, respondents may clarify on next date about the prayer for participation of three technically qualified bidders in the transportation by departmental arrangement till new transport contractors are appointed.

[11] List this case on 12.06.2026.

**JUDGE**

*Kh. Joshua Maring*