

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

**WP(C) No. 429 of 2026 with
MC(WP(C)) No. 446 of 2026**

Dayasagar Laishram

... *Petitioner*

- *Versus* -

State of Manipur and 4 Ors.

... *Respondents*

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

ORDER

09.06.2026

[1] Heard Mr. L. Karnajit, learned counsel for the petitioner.

[2] Both the petitioner and respondent no. 5 were recommended by the Manipur Public Service Commission vide notification dated 11.05.2016 for appointment to the Section Officer Grade-I/ II/ Dy. Manager/ Assistant Manager (Civil & Information Technology) in PWD, Irrigation & Flood Control Department, PHED and Power Department/ MSPCL, Manipur. In the said notification respondent no. 5 is in merit list at sl. no. 16 under the OBC(M) category where the petitioner is at sl. no. 158 under the SC category. In the initial appointment order dated 10.08.2016, name of the respondent no. 5 is shown as under the OBC(M) category and the petitioner's name is shown in a separate order dated 10.08.2016 in sl. no. 56 under the SC category. However, in the tentative seniority list of the Degree/AMIE/Diploma Junior Engineer (Civil Engineering) of PWD, Manipur dated 21.04.2025, name of respondent no. 5 is shown at sl. no. 10 under the SC category and name of the petitioner is at sl. no. 50 under the SC category. The petitioner has submitted representation about the objection in the tentative seniority list on the ground that the respondent no. 5 is wrongly shown in SC category while her category at the time of OBC(M) category. In spite of objection, vide impugned order dated 23.01.2026, respondent no. 5 is promoted to the post of Assistant Engineer (Civil) under SC category while the case of the petitioner has been overlooked. It is submitted that respondent no.

5 has been wrongly considered as SC category candidate and the case of the petitioner cannot be considered against available SC seat.

[3] Issue notice.

[4] Mrs. RK. Emily, learned Dy. GA assisting Mr. H. Samarjit, learned sr. counsel & GA accepts notice on behalf of respondent nos. 1, 2 & 3 and Mr. L. Rajesh, learned counsel accepts notice on behalf of Ms. Beti, learned counsel for the respondent no. 4.

[5] Petitioner is directed to take steps on the respondent no. 5 by speed post within 1(one) week and file affidavit of proof of service.

[6] List this case on 10.08.2026.

[7] Prayer for interim relief will be considered on the appearance of the respondent no. 5.

JUDGE

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