

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

**WP(C) No. 431 of 2026 with
MC(WP(C)) No. 448 of 2026**

Ningombam Jitendra

... *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 Dr. RK. Deepak, learned sr. counsel assisted by Mr. L. Disney, learned counsel on behalf of the petitioner.

[2] The petitioner is one of the senior most Professor in Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences (JNIMS), Imphal approaches this Court being aggrieved by appointment order dated 04.05.2026 appointing the respondent no. 5, who is an IAS cadre officer as in-charge Director of JNIMS for a period of 3(three) months or till a regular Director is appointed whichever is earlier in addition to his normal duties.

[3] Dr. RK. Deepak, learned sr. counsel for the petitioner submits that the appointment of respondent no. 5 is in violation of JNIMS Service Rules, 2015 especially Schedule III, where the Director should possess Postgraduate medical qualification from a recognized institution and respondent no. 5 does not have this qualification. It is also stated that impugned order dated 04.05.2026 appointing respondent no. 5 as in-charge Director of JNIMS is in contravention of National Medical Commission regulations i.e. Medical Institutions (Qualification of Faculty) Regulations, 2025.

[4] Issue notice.

[5] Mr. Th. Sukumar, learned GA accepts notice on behalf of respondent nos. 1, 2 & 3 and Mr. BR Sharma, learned counsel accepts notice on behalf of respondent no. 4 (NMC).

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

[7] The learned counsel for the respondents prays for 2(two) weeks' time for filing counter affidavit.

[8] List this case on 26.06.2026.

JUDGE

Thoiba