

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

WP(C) No. 439 of 2025

Manoharmayum Kanta Sharma & ors.

... Petitioners

Vs.

Manipur University & anr.

... Respondents

With

MC(WP(C)) No. 430 of 2025

**B E F O R E
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AHANTHEM BIMOL SINGH**

O R D E R

30-05-2025

Heard Mrs. Th. Babita, learned counsel appearing for the petitioners.

Issue notice, returnable within three weeks.

Mrs. Jotibala, learned counsel assisting Mr. B.P. Sahu, learned senior counsel entered appearance and accepts notice on behalf of the respondents, hence no formal notice is called for.

The case of the petitioners is that they have earlier approached this court by filing several writ petitions and this court has already issued a direction to consider the claims made by the petitioners in their representations pending before the authorities of the Manipur University. However, the authorities of the Manipur University is yet to finalize and took a decision to the claims made by the petitioners. In the meantime, the authorities of the Manipur University have issued the impugned Notification dated 13-05-2025 advertising many posts including all the posts presently held by the petitioners, who are 20 (twenty) in number. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that as the consideration of their case is pending before the

competent authority of the Manipur University, an interim order may be passed to protect their interests.

Mr. B.P. Sahu, learned senior counsel appearing for the respondents submitted that the authorities have initiated the process and their case will be considered in due course. The learned senior counsel further submitted that the authorities may be allowed to proceed with the recruitment process and no interim order may be passed.

Taking into consideration the grievances raised by the petitioners in the present writ petition and taking into consideration the fact that the authorities are actively considering the case of the petitioners, this court is of the considered view that it will be in the interest of justice to issue the following directions as an interim measure:-

- (i) The respondents are at liberty to proceed with the recruitment process pursuant to the impugned Notification dated 13-05-2025, however, in respect of the 20 (twenty) posts presently held by the petitioners, it should not be filled up without the leave of this court;
- (ii) It is made clear that if the posts held by the petitioners are not included in the impugned notification, the respondents can approach this court for modification of this order; and
- (iii) Pendency of this writ petition will not bar the authorities from considering the case of the petitioners in terms of earlier directions given by this court.

List these cases again on 18-07-2025.

JUDGE

Devananda