

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

**WP(C) No. 491 of 2026 with
MC(WP(C) No. 508 of 2026**

Laishram Netaban Singh

.....Petitioner/s

-Versus-

State of Manipur & 4 Ors.

....Respondent/s

BEFORE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A. GUNESHWAR SHARMA

Order

26.06.2026

[1] Heard Mr. N. Ibotombi, learned senior counsel assisted by Ms. Y. Jinita, learned counsel for the petitioner.

[2] Learned senior counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been appointed as Chief Executive Officer of Manipur State Co-operative Union (in short MSCU). In terms of the resolutions of the Board of MSCU held on 24.04.2025, the petitioner was duly appointed vide order dated 21.05.2025 and his appointment was approved by the Board Meeting held on 30.06.2025. Thereafter, the petitioner has been recognized as Chief Executive Officer by the Office of the Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Manipur vide its proceeding dated 05.11.2025. However, a letter dated 27.10.2025 has been issued by the Deputy Secretary (Cooperation), Government of Manipur informing the Registrar Cooperative Societies that respondent No. 4 has been approved as CEO, MSCU in terms of resolutions of the Board of Management of MSCU taken on 24.04.2025.

[3] Mr. N. Ibotombi, learned senior counsel for the petitioner, submits that on 24.04.2025, name of the petitioner has been approved and there is some inherent mistake in the letter dated 27.10.2025 approving the name of respondent No. 4. It is also pointed out that no appointment order has been issued in favour of respondent No. 4 and till date, the petitioner has been discharging the function of CEO, MSCU. It is prayed that the letter dated 27.10.2025 recommending the name of respondent No. 4 as CEO, MSCU be set aside and the petitioner be permitted to function as CEO, MSCU.

[4] Issue notice.

[5] Mr. Phungyo Zingkhei, learned Dy. G.A. assisting Mr. S. Nepolean, learned Sr. G.A. accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos. 1, 2 & 3.

[6] Petitioner is directed to take step to respondent Nos. 4 & 5 by dasti within one week and file affidavit of proof of service.

[7] Since the petitioner is stated to be functioning as CEO till then, status quo as on date shall be maintained till the next date.

[8] List this case on 03.08.2026.

JUDGE

Kh. Joshua Maring