

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

WP(C) No. 492 of 2026

RK Hemakumar Singh

... Petitioner

Vs.

Manipur University & ors.

... Respondents

With

MC(WP(C)) No. 509 of 20246

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

O R D E R

01-07-2026

Heard Mr. K. Roshan, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner, Mr. B.P. Sahu, learned senior counsel assisted by Mr. Abhishek Prasad Sahu, learned counsel appearing for the respondent No. 1 and Mr. Kh. Samarjit, learned DSGI assisted by Mr. N. Nongdamba, learned counsel appearing for the respondent No. 2 and Mr. S. Jasobanta, learned counsel appearing for the respondent No. 3.

It has been submitted by the learned DSGI that the Search-cum-Selection Committee duly appointed under Regulation 7.3 of the University Grants Commission (Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and Other Academic Staffs in Universities and Colleges and other Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education) Regulations, 2018 have duly considered the case of the petitioner and

he was not among the shortlisted candidates. It has also been submitted by the learned DSGI that under Regulation 7.3(ii), the procedure for preparing the panel of shortlisted candidates by the Search-cum-Selection Committee are provided and that the Ministry does not interfere in this exercise.

On careful reading of the above-mentioned Regulation 7.3, it is clearly revealed that while preparing the panel, the Search-cum-Selection Committee shall give proper weightage to the academic excellence, exposure to the higher education system in the country and abroad and adequate experience in academic and administrative governance **to be given in writing** along with panel to be submitted to the petitioner/ Chancellor.

In the present case, the petitioner is only asking whether his candidature has been rejected or not. In this regard, the learned DSGI submitted that the Ministry has no knowledge about it and it is the sole discretion and independent exercise of the said Selection Committee to decide the persons for interaction and recommendation of the candidates.

In view of the submission made above, this court is of the considered view that the proceeding of the said Search-cum-Selection Committee for shortlisting the candidates needs to be looked into to ascertain whether the petitioner's candidature has been rejected or not as the respondent No. 2 is unable to provide such information. Accordingly, the Secretary, Ministry of Human Education, Department of

Higher Education, Government of India, is hereby directed either to place before this court the proceedings of the said Search-cum-Selection Committee in connection with the shortlisting of the candidates or instruction as regards the petitioner's consideration by the said Committee through the DSGI and place it before this court on the next date of hearing.

List these cases again on 08-07-2026.

JUDGE

Devananda