

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

WP(C) No. 496 of 2024

Manipur Technical University & ors.

... *Petitioners*

Vs.

Manipur Information Commission & anr.

... *Respondents*

With

MC(WP(C)) No. 422 of 2024 &

MC(WP(C)) No. 517 of 2024

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

O R D E R

05-09-2024

Heard Mr. R.K. Deepak, learned senior counsel assisted by Mr. L. Rajesh, learned counsel appearing for the petitioners. None appeared for the respondents, despite service of notice.

Issue notice in connection with MC(WP(C)) No. 517 of 2024, returnable within three weeks.

Petitioners are to take steps for service of notice upon the respondents by way of speed post service.

It has been submitted by the learned senior counsel appearing for the petitioners that a copy of the said application has already been furnished to the counsel appearing for the respondents, hence no formal notice is called for.

Mr. R.K. Deepak, learned senior counsel submitted that after passing the order dated 06-06-2024 by the State Chief Information Commissioner in Appeal Case No. 16 of 2024, the State Chief Information Commissioner has become functus officio and as such, the State Chief Information Commissioner has no authority and jurisdiction to continue with the proceedings of the said appeal case. It has also

been submitted that despite becoming a functus officio, the State Chief Information Commissioner, Manipur Information Commission, continue to proceed with the aforesaid appeal case illegally and the learned counsel, accordingly, prays for passing an interim order for suspending the further proceedings in connection with the said appeal case.

As none of the counsel appearing for the respondents are present today, let these cases be listed again on 07-10-2024 for consideration of the prayer for passing interim order. In the meantime and till the next date of hearing, the further proceedings in connection with the Appeal Case No. 16 of 2024 pending before the State Chief Information Commissioner, Manipur Information Commission shall remain suspended.

JUDGE

Devananda