

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

WP(C) No. 808 of 2025

Yengkhom Ashalata Devi & 35 Ors

...***Petitioner/s***

Vrs.

State of Manipur & 2 Ors

...***Respondent/s***

- B E F O R E -

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AHANTHEM BIMOL SINGH

09.10.2025

Heard Mr. HS. Paonam, learned Sr. counsel assisted by Mr. S. Gunabanta, learned counsel appearing for the petitioners.

Issue notice returnable within 3(three) weeks'.

Mrs. L. Monomala, learned GA entered appearance and accepts notice on behalf of respondent nos. 1 & 2; Mr. L. Rajesh, learned counsel entered appearance and accepts notice on behalf of respondent no. 3, hence no formal notice is called for.

It has been submitted by Mr. HS. Paonam, learned Sr. counsel appearing for the petitioner that at present there are 41 vacant posts of Assistant Agriculture Officer (AAO)/Equivalent in the Agriculture Department ear marked for promotion quota and that all the petitioners are eligible for promotion to the said vacant post of AAO/Equivalent as provided under the relevant recruitment rules.

The learned Sr. counsel further submitted that the process for considering for giving promotion to the said vacant post has been

taken up by the Directorate of Agriculture, Manipur and in fact the Directorate of Agriculture, Manipur has already wrote a letter dated 20.05.2025 to the Principal Secretary (Agriculture), Manipur seeking for conveying Administrative approval for filing up the said 41 vacant posts of AAO/Equivalent by promotion in terms of the relevant recruitment rules.

The learned Sr. counsel submitted that the present writ petition can be disposed of by directing the authorities to consider the cases of eligible candidates for their promotion to the said 41 vacant posts strictly in terms of relevant rules as proposed by the Directorate of Agriculture.

Mrs. L. Monomala, learned GA appearing for the respondent nos. 1 & 2 submitted that she may be given 2(two) weeks' time to get necessary instruction as to what steps has been taken pursuant to the aforesaid letter dated 20.05.2025 of the Directorate of Agriculture, Manipur.

As prayed for by the learned GA, list this case again on 07.11.2025.

JUDGE

Lucy