

***Suppl.-1, Sl. Nos. 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10
&
Daily Cause list Sl. Nos. 15-17***

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

WA No. 53 of 2025

Yumlembam Sanathoi

Appellant

Vs.

State of Manipur and another

Respondents

Clubbed with MC(WA) No. 111 of 2025

***With WA No. 54 of 2025
With MC(WA) No. 112 of 2025***

***With WA No. 55 of 2025
With MC(WA) No. 113 of 2025***

***With WA No. 56 of 2025
With MC(WA) No. 114 of 2025***

***With WA No. 51 of 2025
With MC(WA) No. 108 of 2025
With MC(WA) No. 109 of 2025***

BEFORE

**HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. M. SUNDAR
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A. GUNESHWAR SHARMA**

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by M. Sundar, CJ)

30.10.2025

[1] One of the captioned Writ Appeals, i.e., Writ Appeal No. 51 of 2025 along with the MCs thereat was listed in the Admission Board yesterday (29.10.2025). To be noted, this Writ Appeal No. 51 of 2025 is directed

against a common judgment dated 09.10.2025 wherein and whereby 8 (eight) writ petitions were dismissed by Hon'ble Single Judge. Captioned 4 (four) writ appeals are also directed against the same 09.10.2025 common judgment of the Hon'ble Single Judge.

[2] The proceedings/order made in W.A. No. 51 of 2025 yesterday (29.10.2025) reads as follows :

‘29.10.2025

[1] A common judgment dated 09.10.2025 in 8 (eight) writ petitions is nucleus of the captioned intra-court appeal i.e. WA No. 51 of 2025. The details of the 8 (eight) writ petitions and the writ petitioners thereat are as follows :

‘WP(C) No. 497 of 2024

1. **Md. Sher Khan**, S/o Md. Zahiruddin, aged about 32 years, R/o Lilong Heinou Makhong, P.O. & P.S. Lilong, District: Thoubal, Manipur, Pin Code – 795130.

2. Maxwin Wangkheimayum, S/o W. John Singh, aged about 26 years, R/o Wangkhei Amu Leirak Opposite Meihoubam Lampak, P.O. Imphal, P.S. Porompat, Pin Code – 795005, Manipur.

3. Herojeet Singh Shougrakpam, S/o Shougrakpam Kunjakishwar Singh, aged about 37 years, R/o Santhong Sabal Leikai, Ward No. 7, Kwakta Gram Panchayat, P.O. & P.S. Moirang, Pin Code – 795133, Manipur.

4. Ningthoujam Roshnikumar Singh, S/o Ningthoujam Mangi Singh, aged about 36 years, R/o Bishnupur Makha Leikai, Ward No. 6, Near Vishnu Temple, P.O. & P.S. Bishnupur Police, Pin Code – 795126, Manipur.

5. Moirangthem Gautam Singh, S/o (Late) Moirangthem Joykumar Singh, aged about 43 years, R/o Uripok Gopalji Leirak, Imphal West, Pin Code – 795011, Manipur.

... Petitioners

WP(C) No. 546 of 2024

Yumlembam Sanathoi, S/o Yumlembam Jitkumar Singh, aged about 39 years, R/o Keishamthong Maning Longjam Leikai, Imphal West, Manipur – 795001.

... Petitioner

WP(C) No. 607 of 2024

Miss Bidyaluxmi Huidrom, aged about 26 years, D/o Binod Huidrom of Khagempali Huidrom Leikai, P.O. Imphal, P.S. Singjamei, Imphal West District, Manipur.

... Petitioner

WP(C) No. 618 of 2024

Robert Salam, S/o Salam Dhiren Meitei, aged about 34 years, R/o Singjamei Chinga Mathak Yumnam Leikai, Imphal West, Manipur – 795001.

... Petitioner

WP(C) No. 636 of 2024

1. Monika Chingakham, D/o Ch. Merajao Singh, aged about 31, R/o Nambol Khajiri Mamang Leikai, Nambol Municipal Council, Imphal West, Manipur – 795134.

2. Hidangmayum Ronendra Sharma, S/o Hidangmayum Sanamacha Sharma, aged about 31 years, R/o Naoremthong Khumanthem Leikai, Imphal West, Manipur -795001.

3. Nongthombam Sanju Singh, S/o Nongthombam Motihar Singh, aged about 29 years, R/o Kongba Nandeibam Leikai, Imphal East, Manipur – 795008.

4. Moirangthem Chinglenkhomba Singh, S/o Moirangthem Gunendra Singh, aged about 32 years, R/o Kongba Nongthombam Leikai, Imphal East, Manipur – 795008.

5. Akham Chinglemba Meitei, S/o Akham Iboyaima Khuman, aged about 24 years, R/o Wangkhei Ningthem Pukhri Mapal Awang Leirak, Imphal Municipal Council, Manipur – 795005.

6. Wairakpam Momocha Singh, C/o Wairakpam Tolpishak Singh, aged about 27 years, R/o Ningthoukhong Awang Khunou, Near Community Hall, Ward No. 1, Bishnupur District, Manipur – 795126.

7. Longjam Suraj Singh, S/o Longjam Liken Singh, aged about 26 years, R/o Bishnupur Ward No. 9, Bishnupur District, Manipur – 795126.

8. Chongtham Ronilkumar Singh, S/o Chongtham Priyokumar Singh, aged about 27, R/o Uripok Polem Leikai, Imphal West, Manipur – 795001.

... Petitioners

WP(C) No. 681 of 2024

Angom Amarjit Singh, S/o Late Angom Saratchandra Singh, aged about 43 years, R/o Ningthoukhong Awang Khunou, Ward No. 1, Bishnupur Sub-Division, Bishnupur, Manipur – 795126.

... Petitioner

WP(C) No. 710 of 2024

Sanabam Micheal Singh, aged about 34 years, S/o Sanabam Manglemjao Singh of Keishamthong Top Leirak, P.O. & P.S. Imphal, District Imphal West, Manipur, Pin No. 795001.

... Petitioner

WP(C) No. 802 of 2024

Ringo Pebam, aged about 45 years, S/o Pebam Sunarchand, R/o Kwakeithel Moirangpurel Leikai, P.O. Imphal, P.S. Singjamei, Imphal West District, Manipur – 795001.

... Petitioner'

[2] State of Manipur and Manipur Public Service Commission (MPSC) are respondents 1 and 2 respectively in all the 8 (eight) writ petitions.

[3] Captioned writ appeal arises out of WP(C) No. 497 of 2024 where there are 5 (five) writ petitioners as would be evident from the details culled out and set out supra, as regards the remaining 7 (seven) writ petitions, in one writ petition there are 8 (eight) writ petitioners and in the other 6 (six) writ petitions there is 1 (one) writ

petitioner each. This makes it 19 (nineteen) writ petitioners in all qua the common judgment which is under challenge.

[4] MPSC issued an Advertisement dated 07.12.2022 inviting applicants from aspirants qua Manipur Civil Service Grade-II, Manipur, Manipur Police Service Grade-II, Manipur Finance Service Grade-III, Sub Deputy Collector, Manipur Secretariat Service Category-VI. Preliminary examination was conducted on 30.04.2023. To be noted, what we are concerned with is, one of the papers namely, General Studies (Paper-II) and Question No. 31 thereat.

[5] Learned senior counsel Mr. Tayenjam Momo Singh appearing on behalf of Ms. Ningthoujam Diana Devi, counsel on record for the appellants submitted that the closet answer would be ‘Assail : Defend’ and not ‘Disease : Treatment’ qua ‘ACTION : REACTION’. It was also contended that this question is a straight lift off from CAT 1996 and CLAT 2013. In CAT 1996 and CLAT 2013, ‘Assail : Defend’ was the correct answer is learned senior counsel’s further say.

[6] Issue notice.

[7] Ms. H. Roji, learned counsel, accepts notice for R1 and Mr. M. Rarry, learned senior counsel appears on her behalf. Mr. L. Disney Meetei, learned counsel, accepts notice for R2 and Mr. RK Deepak, learned senior counsel appears on his behalf.

[8] Learned senior counsel for MPSC, on instructions, submitted that Question No. 31 is not a straight lift off from CAT 1996 and CLAT 2013 as in CAT 1996 and CLAT 2013 one of the options is ‘Diseased : Treatment’ whereas in the MPSC (instant Exam) it has been changed as ‘Disease : Treatment’ and this to test the examinees/candidates.

[9] Be that as it may, we are informed by the counsel on record Ms. Ningthoujam Diana Devi appearing on behalf of the

appellants that some other writ petitioners have also filed intra-court appeals and the same are scheduled to come up tomorrow and she will inform the counsel concerned. Let the counsel concerned bring it on board tomorrow.

[10] List captioned matter tomorrow.

[11] List on 30.10.2025.'

[3] Therefore, applying the same principle in WA No. 51 of 2025, issue notice.

[4] Ms. H. Roji, learned counsel, accepts notice for R1 and Mr. M. Rarry, learned senior counsel appears on her behalf. Mr. L. Disney Meitei, learned counsel, accepts notice for R2 MPSC and Mr. RK Deepak, learned senior counsel appears on his behalf.

[5] All the five writ appeals are directed against one common order, the details of which have been captured in earlier proceedings made by this Court in the previous listing yesterday on 29.10.2025.

[6] Today, with the consent of all the learned senior counsel and counsel on record before us, all the 5 (five) main writ appeals were taken up.

[7] Mr. Tayenjam Momo Singh, learned senior advocate appearing on behalf of Ms. Ningthoujam Diana Devi, counsel on record for appellants in Writ Appeal No. 53 of 2025, Writ Appeal No. 54 of 2025 and Writ Appeal No. 51 of 2025 is before us. Mr. Sapam Biswajit Meitei, learned senior counsel instructed by Mr. Wangkhem Sanatomba Meitei, appears on behalf

of counsel on record for appellants in Writ Appeal No. 55 of 2025 and Writ Appeal No. 56 of 2025. Both learned senior counsel made their submissions.

[8] Thereafter, Mr. RK Deepak, learned senior counsel commenced his submissions. After some arguments, learned senior counsel requested for the matter to stand over so as to enable him to examine certain case laws and revert to this court. Request acceded to.

[9] List tomorrow (31.10.2025) under the sub-caption 'Part Heard' within parenthesis.

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JUDGE

CHIEF JUSTICE