

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

WP(C) No. 884 of 2024

Elizabeth Kimte

... *Petitioner*

Vs.

Union of India & ors.

... *Respondents*

With

MC(WP(C)) No. 813 of 2024

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

O R D E R

21-01-2025

Heard Mr. Serto T. Kom, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and Mr. Boboy Potsangbam, learned CGSC appearing for the respondents.

The matter is taken up today for consideration of the prayer for passing interim order.

The case of the petitioner is that she was appointed on 30-05-2012 as a Veterinary Officer in RIMS on contract basis pursuant to a recommendation made by the Selection Committee. It has been stated that the post was initially advertised for filling up on contract basis and pursuant to the recommendation of the Selection Committee, she has been appointed on contract basis and she has been continuing till today for the last about thirteen years without any interruption. The learned counsel further submitted that without considering her case for regularization, the authorities have issued another Advertisement for filling up the said post on regular basis and that the selection method and the eligibility criteria as prescribed under the rules remains basically the same and the petitioner is quite eligible except for the age bar prescribed under the recruitment rules. The learned counsel further submitted that in view of the settled law rendered by the Hon'ble Apex Court in the case of "**Jaggo Vs. Union of India**" reported in **2024 SCC**

Online SC 3826 at para. 20 of the judgment, the petitioner is entitled to get her service regularized and that the authorities have not considered this aspect at all. The learned counsel further submitted that unless an interim order is passed for staying the impugned Advertisement and the selection process during the pendency of the writ petition, the valuable right of the petitioner will be deprived.

Mr. Boboy Potsangbam, learned CGSC appearing for the respondents submitted that he needs to get instruction from the authorities and to file a detailed affidavit. The learned CGSC, accordingly, prays for granting three weeks' time for filing a detailed affidavit.

Taking into consideration the materials available on record and the submission advanced by the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner, this court is of the considered view that unless an interim order is passed, the claim of the petitioner will be defeated and the present writ petition will be rendered infructuous. Accordingly, it is hereby directed that the impugned Advertisement dated 18-12-2024, so far as it concerns the post of Veterinary Officer, shall remain suspended till the next date of hearing. In other words, the respondents should not take up any further process for filling up the said post of Veterinary Officer pursuant to the impugned Advertisement dated 18-12-2024 till the next date of hearing.

As the interim order has been passed without the counter affidavit of the respondents, liberty is given to the respondents to approach this court for modification or vacation of this interim order.

List these cases again on 27-02-2025.

JUDGE

Devananda