

**HIGH COURT OF TRIPURA
AGARTALA**

WP(C)(PIL) No.03 of 2024

Court on its own motion

Versus

The Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare & others

.....Respondent(s)

For Court on its own motion : Mr. Sankar Lodh, Amicus Curiae.

For Respondent(s) : Mr. S. Chakraborti, Advocate General,
Mr. Bidyut Majumder, Deputy SGI,
Mr. K.N. Bhattacharyya, G.A.,
Mrs. Pinki Chakraborty, Advocate.

**HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. M.S. RAMACHANDRA RAO
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE BISWAJIT PALIT**

Order

05/05/2026

Perused the affidavit filed by the Under Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department, Government of Tripura with regard to action taken on the suggestions given by the learned Amicus Curiae.

We are disappointed to note that there is a mention of certain recruitment processes to fill up certain vacancies, but no date of completion of the same has been indicated in the affidavit of the Under Secretary, particularly with regard to Points No.1 and 2.

As regards Point No.3, it is stated that a proposal is being considered for initiation for increase of the number of confirmatory centres up to each block of the State in the next policy decision meeting, but it is not stated when such meeting is going to be conducted and when such a decision is likely to be taken.

Policy decision on Point No.5 with regard to increase of Opioid Substitution Therapy (OST) Centres up to Primary Health Centre (PHC) level in the entire State and making them functional on Sundays and other holidays,

is stated to be discussed in the right forum, but again when such discussion will happen and when such decision would be taken, is not stated.

On Point No.6, Anti-Retroviral Therapy (ART) Centres are stated to be made functional shortly, but when they would start functioning, is not indicated.

A better affidavit be filed by the said Under Secretary on these aspects by the next date of hearing.

List on **24.06.2026**.

(BISWAJIT PALIT, J)

(M.S. RAMACHANDRA RAO, CJ)

