

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

WP(C) No. 620 of 2023

Leitangthem Leimaton Devi

.....*Petitioner/s*

- Versus -

State of Manipur & 2 Ors.

.... *Respondent/s*

BEFORE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A. GUNESHWAR SHARMA

Order

05.09.2023

[1] Heard Mr. NG. Jotindra Luwang, learned counsel and Ms. Ch. Sundari, learned G.A. for the State respondent.

[2] The case of the petitioner is that she was appointed as Multi-purpose Staff/Cook in the One Stop Centre (OSC), Thoubal District Manipur and her service has been extended from time to time. The petitioner and other similarly situated employees of 16 One Stop Centres in Manipur submitted a joint representation dated 21.12.2022 to the Minister, Social Welfare, Government of Manipur and requested to retain their services of the existing Staffs while filling up the remaining vacancy. Vide letter dated 22.12.2022, the Minister, Social Welfare, Government of Manipur requested the Deputy Commissioner, Thoubal District, Manipur to consider the person, who has already engaged such as the petitioner, be given priority so that gainful

services from their past experiences can be obtained. Thereafter, the Deputy Commissioner, Thoubal issued a notification dated 23.02.2023 for recruitment of contractual staff for One Stop Centre, Thoubal and at serial No. 7 is the 3 (three) post of Multi-purpose Staff/Cook. The petitioner submitted a representation dated 19.04.2023 to the Director, Social Welfare Department, Government of Manipur for considering her case by relaxing the upper age limit for contractual engagement in the One Stop Centre, Thoubal. It is submitted that there is no response to the representation dated 19.04.2023 submitted by the petitioner. It is prayed that the notification dated 23.02.2023 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Thoubal, the case of the petitioner be considered by relaxing upper age limit.

[3] Ms. Ch. Sundari, learned G.A., submits that the petitioner has not applied in pursuance to the notification dated 23.02.2023 and hence, relaxation or reservation of one post may not be raised.

[4] This Court is of the opinion that the present writ petition can be disposed of with a direction to the respondent to dispose of the representation dated 19.04.2023 submitted by the petitioner by a reasoned order before interview in terms of the notification dated 23.02.2023.

[5] Mr. NG. Jotindra Luwang, learned counsel, prays that the petitioner may be permitted to submit a detailed representation to the DC, Thoubal in the nature of that already submitted to the Director, Social Welfare Department, Manipur.

[6] In the light of the representation dated 19.04.2023 submitted to the Director, Social Welfare Department, Government of Manipur, the prayer is allowed and the petitioner may submit a detailed representation to the DC, Thoubal within one week. The State respondents are directed to dispose of the representation submitted by the petitioner by passing a speaking order before the conduct of the interview.

[7] With these observations, writ petition is disposed of.

[8] Furnish a copy of this order to the learned counsel appearing for all the parties.

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