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HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA
AT SHILLONG

WP(C). No. 55 of 2024

Date of Order : 19.09.2024

Shri. (Dr) Mangkhollen Singson

...Petitioner

-Versus-

1. North Eastern Hill University (NEHU)
Represented by the Vice Chancellor,
NEHU, Shillong, Meghalaya.
2. The Registrar, North Eastern Hill
University, Shillong, Meghalaya.
3. Dean of SEMIS
NEHU, Shillong, Meghalaya.
4. The Chairman,
Selection Committee , NEHU,
Shillong, Meghalaya.
5. Smti. (Dr.) B.B.K.Rymbai,
(Schedule Tribe/Schedule Caste
Member of the Selection Committee)
Professor, Department of Education,
NEHU, Shillong, Meghalaya.
6. Shri. (Dr.) Akhandanand Shukla,
Professor, Department of Library and
Information Science, NEHU,
Shillong, Meghalaya.

...Respondents



7. The University Grants Commission,
(UGC), New Delhi, India, represented
by its Secretary.

...Pro Forma Respondent

Coram:

Hon'ble Mr. Justice H.S.Thangkhiew, Chief Justice (Acting)

Appearance:

For the Petitioner/Applicant(s) : Mr. S.Dey, Adv.
Mr. S.Deb, Adv.

For the Respondent(s) : Mr. S.Sen, Adv. for R 1-4.
Ms. K.Gurung, Adv. vice
Mr. M.L.Nongpiur, Adv. for R 5.
Dr. P.Agarwal, Adv. for R 7.

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| i) | Whether approved for reporting in
Law journals etc: | Yes/No |
| ii) | Whether approved for publication
in press: _ | Yes/No |

JUDGMENT AND ORDER (ORAL)

1. The writ petitioner by the present writ petition has come before this
Court with the following prayers:

- a) Quash and set aside the impugned Selection Process for the post
of Professor (UR) in the Department of Library and Information
Science, NEHU which was conducted pursuant to the
advertisement dated 16-03-2022;



- b) Quash and set aside the impugned appointment of Respondent No. 6 in the said post of Professor (UR) in the Department of Library and Information Science, NEHU;
- c) Direct the concerned Respondents to constitute a new Selection Committee as per the UGC Regulation 2018 for conducting a fresh selection and interview for the said post of Professor (UR) in the Department of Library and Information Science, NEHU at the earliest;
- d) Direct the concerned Respondents to allow the Petitioner and other eligible candidates to participate in the fresh selection process;
- e) Direct the concerned Respondents to ensure that only those candidates who fulfill the minimum eligibility criteria as per the UGC Regulations 2018 and the Notification(s) dated 24-06-2019 and 16-09-2019 are allowed to participate in the fresh selection process;
- f) And/or pass such directions / orders as Your Lordships may deem fit and proper in the interest of justice.

2. In the course of the proceedings, the respondent No. 6 whose selection had been challenged, however, has resigned and the post has been rendered vacant.



3. Mr. S.Dey, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that apart from the challenge made to the selection, serious reservations had been raised with regard to one of the members who is stated to be representing as the Scheduled Tribe member.

4. Mr. S.Sen, learned counsel appearing for the respondents University, however submits that with the resignation of the selected candidate, nothing remains for consideration, inasmuch as, by operation of law itself, the post has been rendered vacant and accordingly it will be a fresh vacancy, which will be advertised in due course by the University. He also submits that there is no occasion for this Court to embark into the academic exercise with regard to the constitution of the Selection Committee.

5. In view of the submissions and the situation as it pertains as on today, it is correct that nothing remains for consideration and the matter is accordingly closed and disposed of.

Chief Justice (Acting)