

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

**W.P. (C) No. 809 of 2025 with
MC(W.P. (C)) No. 744 of 2025**

Karam Lakshmi Devi

... *Petitioner*

- *Versus* -

State of Manipur and 55 Ors.

... *Respondents*

B E F O R E
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A. GUNESHWAR SHARMA

ORDER

09.10.2025

[1] Heard Mr. HS Paonam, learned sr. counsel assisted by Mr. S. Gunabanta Meitei, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr. Th. Sukumar, learned GA on behalf of the State respondent nos. 1 & 2.

[2] By the present writ petition, the petitioner has challenged the final seniority list dated 15.12.2021 for the Craft Instructor (Engineering & Non-Engineering) in ITI, Manipur on the ground that the same is not on the basis of the merit or on the basis of the date of birth, when the incumbents are regularized on the same day vide letter dated 16.12.2016.

[3] It is also stated that the initial appointment on contractual/ ad-hoc basis was done after complying the due process.

[4] The learned sr. counsel for the petitioner has pointed out to the contents of letter dated 19.08.2025 written by Joint Director of Craftsmen and Training, Manipur to the Secretary, Skill, Labour, Employment & Entrepreneurship Department, Govt. of Manipur for review and rectification of the impugned seniority list dated 15.12.2021 on 2(two) grounds.

[5] It is also submitted that the suggestions made by the Department is pending with the State Govt.

[6] The learned sr. counsel for the petitioner submits that if the suggestions made by the Department is approved by the State Government, the cause of the writ petition will become infructuous and he submits that the present writ petition may be disposed of at this stage with an innocuous direction that the letter dated 19.08.2025 of the Department may be considered by the State Govt. and pass an speaking order within a stipulated time.

[7] Mr. Th. Sukumar, learned GA for the State respondents submits that he has no objection in disposing the writ petition by passing an innocuous direction to the proposal submitted by the Department.

[8] This Court has perused the materials on record and the submissions made at the bar.

[9] If the suggestions of the Department in its letter dated 19.08.2025 is approved by the State Govt., the cause of the writ petition will become infructuous.

[10] In the circumstances, instead of issue notice the present writ petition i.e. W.P. (C) No. 809 of 2025 is disposed of at this stage by directing respondent no. 1 to consider the proposal submitted by the Joint Director of Craftsmen and Training, Govt. of Manipur for review and rectification of impugned seniority list dated 15.12.2021 within a period of 2(two) months' from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

[11] It is made clear that this Court does not express any opinion on the merit of the case.

[12] The MC(W.P. (C)) No. 744 of 2025 is also disposed of accordingly.

[13] In case of any urgent exigency of appointment of in-charge or otherwise, the State Govt. may approach this Court for clarification.

JUDGE

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