

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

MC(WP(C)) No. 501 of 2026

MC(WP(C))No. 488 of 2026

Ref. WP(C) No. 943 of 2025

Konsam Ibetombi Chanu, aged about 59 years, W/o (L) Nongthombam Oken Singh a resident of Khurai Chingangbam Leikai, P.O. & P.S. Porompat, Imphal East District Manipur-795005.

...Applicant/Petitioner

-Versus-

1. The State of Manipur represented by the Chief Secretary, Government of Manipur, New Secretariat, Babupara, P.O. & P.S. Imphal, Imphal West Manipur-795001.
2. The Secretary, General Administrative Department (GAD), Government of Manipur, New Secretariat, Babupara, P.O. & P.S. Imphal, Imphal West Manipur-795001.
3. The Director, Directorate of Printing and Stationary, Government of Manipur, Yaiskul Police Lane, P.O. & P.S. Imphal, Imphal West, Manipur-795001.

...Respondent/s

-B E F O R E-

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AHANTHEM BIMOL SINGH

For the **Applicant /** :: Ms. Kh. Nirmala, Advocate
Petitioner

For the **Respondents** :: Mr. Th. Vashum, GA

Date of **Hearing** :: 08-09-2026

Date of **Order** :: 08-09-2026

O R D E R (O R A L)

Ms. Kh. Nirmala, learned counsel appeared on behalf of the petitioner and Mr. Th. Vashum, learned GA appeared on behalf of the respondents.

[2] The present application has been filed with a prayer for quashing and setting aside the impugned order date 03-12-2024 issued by the Director, Printing and Stationery, Govt. of Manipur placing the petitioner under suspension w.e.f. 06-11-2024 and also with a prayer for directing the respondents to re-instate the petitioner to her post with all consequential benefits including arrears and allowances.

[3] When the matter is taken up today, learned GA produced and placed before this Court the order dated 07-09-2026 issued by the Director, Printing and Stationery, Govt. of Manipur. By the said order, the impugned suspension order has been revoked and the petitioner has been re-instated back in service. It has also been ordered that the pay and allowance of the petitioner for the period of suspension from 06-11-2024 to 07-09-2026 shall be regulated in accordance with the provision of FR 54-B subject to the final outcome of the Criminal proceedings pending against the petitioner.

[4] For ready reference a scanned copy of the said order dated **07-09-2026** is reproduced hereunder:

GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR
DIRECTORATE OF PRINTING & STATIONERY
(A Paperless Directorate)

O R D E R

Imphal, the 7th September, 2026

No. DPS-104/3/2025-DPS-DP&S: Whereas, **Smt. Konsam Ibetombi Chanu, Compositor**, was placed under suspension with effect from 06.11.2024, vide Order No. 1/67/Estt/86-GP dated 03.12.2024 of the Directorate of Printing & Stationery, Manipur, under Rule 10(2) of the Central Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1965, on the grounds that she had been detained in custody on 06.11.2024 for a period exceeding forty-eight hours in connection with F.I.R. No. 511(10)2024 IPS registered under Sections 420/468/34 of the Indian Penal Code at Imphal Police Station, which is presently pending at the stage of police investigation.;

2. Whereas, Smt. Ibetombi Chanu was enlarged on bail upon furnishing a personal bond and surety to the satisfaction of the Court of the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Imphal West, vide order dated 08.11.2024 in Cril. Misc. (B) No. 160 of 2024;

3. Whereas, Smt. Ibetombi Chanu was granted subsistence allowance (limited to 50% of leave salary) as applicable under F.R. 53(1)(ii)(a) with effect from 06.11.2024, vide order No. ES-DPS-104/2/2025-DPS-DP&S dated 14.10.2025 of this Directorate;

4. Whereas, Smt. Ibetombi Chanu has filed a writ petition, namely W.P.(C) No. 943 of 2025 (*K. Ibetombi Chanu vs. The State of Manipur & Ors.*), before the Hon'ble High Court of Manipur on 28.11.2025, praying for quashing and setting aside the above-mentioned suspension order dated 03.12.2024;

5. Whereas, a Review Committee was constituted vide Order No. PS-107/11/2025-GAD-GAD dated 31.08.2026 of the General Administrative Department, Government of Manipur, under Rule 10(6) of the CCS (CCA) Rules, 1965, to review the continuance of the suspension of Smt. Ibetombi Chanu and to make appropriate recommendations in accordance with the relevant rules and instructions;

6. Whereas, the Review Committee, in its meeting held on 31.08.2026, reviewed her suspension and **recommended that the suspension of Smt. Konsam Ibetombi Chanu may not be continued, and that the suspension order dated 03.12.2024 be revoked**, subject to the outcome of F.I.R. No. 511(10)2024 IPS under Sections 420/468/34 IPC and such further administrative action as may be permissible under the relevant service rules, without prejudice to the ongoing criminal proceedings against her;

7. Whereas, **the Administrative Department, vide letter No. PS-107/11/2025-GAD-GAD dated 03.09.2026, conveyed that the competent authority has approved the recommendations of the Review Committee** contained in the proceedings of its meeting held on 31.08.2026;

8. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under Rule 10(5)(c) of the CCS (CCA) Rules, 1965, the undersigned hereby **revokes the suspension order dated**

03.12.2024 with immediate effect and reinstates Smt. Konsam Ibetombi Chanu into service, subject to the final outcome of F.I.R. No. 511(10)2024 IPS under Sections 420/468/34 IPC and without prejudice to the ongoing criminal proceedings against her.

9. Consequently, the **pay and allowances for the period of suspension from 06.11.2024 to 07.09.2026 shall be regulated in accordance with the provisions of Fundamental Rule 54-B of the Fundamental Rules, subject to the final outcome of F.I.R. No. 511(10)2024 IPS** under Sections 420/468/34 IPC and without prejudice to the ongoing criminal proceedings.

10. Further, this order is issued without prejudice to the rights and contentions of the parties in W.P.(C) No. 943 of 2025 (*K. Ibetombi Chanu vs. The State of Manipur & Ors.*), which is pending before the Hon'ble High Court of Manipur.

11. Accordingly, Smt. Konsam Ibetombi Chanu, Compositor, **is directed to resume her duties at the Directorate of Printing & Stationery, Government of Manipur, with effect from the date of issue of this order.**

By Order.

Digitally signed by
NGANGBAM ROBEN SINGH
Date: 07-09-2026
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(Ng. Roben Singh)

Director,

Printing & Stationery, Manipur

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2. PS to Additional Chief Secretary (GAD), Government of Manipur
3. Registrar (Judicial), High Court of Manipur.
4. Joint Secretary (GAD), Government of Manipur
5. Shri Th. Vashum, Deputy Government Advocate (High Court), Manipur
6. Assistant Director (DDO), Printing & Stationery, Manipur
7. Sub-Treasury Officer, Imphal West, Manipur
8. Smt. Konsam Ibetombi Chanu, Compositor
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[5] The learned GA submitted that as the impugned suspension order has been revoked and the petitioner has been reinstated back in service, no cause survives for adjudication in the present writ petition and the present writ petition can be closed as infructuous.

[6] Ms. Kh. Nirmala, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner endorsed the submission made by the learned GA and submitted that the

present writ petition can be closed as infructuous as the petitioner has already got the relief sought for in the present writ petition.

[7] Recording the submission made by the learned counsel appearing for the parties, the present writ petition is hereby closed as infructuous.

[8] Consequently, the two connected applications also stand closed.

JUDGE

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