

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

WP(C)No.533 of 2024

with

MC(WP(C))No.449 of 2024

Longjam Randarani Devi & 4 Ors.

...Petitioners

- Versus-

Union of India & Anr.

...Respondents

BEFORE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A. GUNESHWAR SHARMA
ORDER

05.08.2024.

[1] Heard Ms.Th.Babita, learned counsel for the petitioners, Mr. Kaminikumar, learned counsel for respondent No.1 and Mr.D.P.Sahu, learned counsel for the Manipur University.

[2] Petitioners, 11 in numbers, approached this Court for setting aside the impugned order dated 26.6.2024 passed by the Registrar, Manipur University on the ground that it is not a speaking order in terms of this Court's direction dated 28.08.2023 passed in WP(C) No.344 of 2022. The petitioners, who are contract employees in the Manipur University, earlier approached the Manipur University for regularizing their services and representations submitted were not disposed and approached this Court by way of WP(C) No.344 of 2022 and this Court vide order dated 28.8.202 directed the Manipur University to pass a speaking order in terms of the relevant Recruitment Rules/guidelines within a period of three months. Accordingly, order dated 26.6.2024 was issued by the Manipur University disposing the representations submitted by the petitioners. However, on perusal of the impugned order, it is seen that the same is not a speaking order in terms of the Recruitment Rules and the University cannot pass any order as

the Committee formed vide order dated 17.11.2023 by the Registrar, Manipur University could not reach a final decision in its meeting.

[3] This Court is of the view that the writ petition can be disposed of by issuing direction to the Five Member Committee formed vide order dated 17.11.2023 issued by the Registrar, Manipur University to decide the matter within a period of 4 (four) months from the date of receipt of this order. Thereafter, the University shall pass a speaking order in terms of the decision of the five member Committee within a further period of two months.

[4] With this observation, the writ petition is disposed of. It is made clear that this Court does not express any opinion on the merit of the case.

Misc case also stands disposed of.

JUDGE

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