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THE GAUHATI HIGH COURT
(HIGH COURT OF ASSAM, NAGALAND, MIZORAM AND ARUNACHAL PRADESH)
KOHIMA BENCH

Case No. : I.A.(Civil)/30/2025

THE STATE OF NAGALAND
REPRESENTED BY THE SPECIAL SECRETARY TO THE
GOVT. OF NAGALAND,
DEPARTMENT OF HOME, NAGALAND, KOHIMA

VERSUS

SMT. VIBEIZONO KHRO AND 174 ORS
D/O LHOUSITO KHRO,
R/O CHUMOUKEDIMA WARD NO. ,
CHUMOUKIDEMA, NAGALAND 2:SHRI. K.YIMKHONG

S/O KIULONGBA
R/O CHUMOUKEDIMA WARD-9
NAGALAND

3:SHRI. VESUTO NAROH
S/O VESHOI NAROH
R/O CHUMOUKEDIMA WARD-10
NAGALAND

4:SHRI. IZAINEULE TEILIA
S/O GIELUI
R/O CHUMOUKEDIMA WARD-6
NAGALAND.

5:SHRI. SHANGTSABA SANGTAM
S/O SETHRICHO SANGTAM
R/O CHUMOUKEDIMA
WARD NO-10
NAGALAND.

6:SHRI LAKIUMONG N. YIMCHUNGER

S/O NEOJI
R/O CHUMOUKEDIMA WARD-6
NAGALAND

7:SHRI AKAM YIMCHUNGER
S/O V. Y. KEKUNG YIMCHUNGER
R/O CHUMOUKEDIMA WARD-9
NAGALAND

8:SHRI BOTO MURRU

S/O VIHUTO
R/O CHUMOUKEDIMA WARD-1
NAGALAND.

9:SHRI LIDISE

S/O T. MUNGANCHO
R/O CHUMOUKEDIMA WARD-7
NAGALAND.

10:SHRI HOKIQHE

S/O KHULU
R/O CHUMOUKEDIMA WARD-4
NAGALAND

11:SHRI VIOKA B. ZHIMO
S/O BOKAHO
R/O CHANDMARI
KOHIMA.

12:SHRI AMAN KONYAK

CONSTABLE (GD) 14TH NAP (IR) BN KIPHIRE

13:SHRI N. PANGLEM KONYAK
CONSTABLE (GD) 14TH NAP(IR) BN KIPHIRE.

14:SHRI KENEILETUO YHOR

CONSTABLE (GD) 14TH NAP (IR) BN KIPHIRE.

15:SHRI LIBENTHUNG C PATTON
CONSTABLE (GD) 14TH NAP (IR) BN KIPHIRE.

16:SHRI L. KIUTSUMONG YIMCHUNGER

CONSTABLE (GD) 14TH NAP (IR) BN KIPHIRE.

17:SHRI M. SANTSUTHUNG EZUNG

CONSTABLE (GD) 14TH NAP (IR) BN KIPHIRE.

18:SHRI MHADEMO KIKON

CONSTABLE (GD) 14TH NAP (IR) BN KIPHIRE.

19:SHRI CHUMBEN ODYIO

CONSTABLE (GD) 14TH NAP (IR) BN KIPHIRE.

20:SHRI AMEKA

CONSTABLE (GD) 14TH NAP (IR) BN KIPHIRE.

21:SHRI. C. OMEGA

CONSTABLE (GD) 14TH NAP (IR) BN KIPHIRE.

22:SHRI NOKZENKETBA

CONSTABLE (GD) 14TH NAP (IR) BN KIPHIRE.

23:SHRI RENPITHUNG Z. ODYUO

CONSTABLE (GD) 14TH NAP (IR) BN KIPHIRE.

24:SHRI MERICHAN KIKON

CONSTABLE (GD) 14TH NAP (IR) BN KIPHIRE.

25:SHRI SHUMBEMO KIKON

CONSTABLE (GD) 14TH NAP (IR) BN KIPHIRE.

26:SHRI E. TUMBEN LOTHA

CONSTABLE (GD) 14TH NAP (IR) BN KIPHIRE.

27:SHRI AKITO ZHIMO

CONSTABLE (GD) 14TH NAP (IR) BN KIPHIRE.

28:SHRI A. WONGTO CHINGMAK

CONSTABLE (GD) 14TH NAP (IR) BN KIPHIRE.

29:SHRI TSULUN A. YIMCHUNGER

CONSTABLE (GD) 14TH NAP (IR) BN KIPHIRE.

30:SHRI BIRIMONG SANGTAM

CONSTABLE (GD) 14TH NAP (IR) BN KIPHIRE.

31:SHRI K. YONGKONGLAMBA

CONSTABLE (GD) 14TH NAP (IR) BN KIPHIRE.

32:SHRI LIJANTHUNG NGULLIE

CONSTABLE (GD) 14TH NAP (IR) BN KIPHIRE.

33:SHRI ALBERT P. YANTHAN

CONSTABLE (GD) 14TH NAP (IR) BN KIPHIRE.

34:SHRI HUKUGHA V. ZHIMO

CONSTABLE (GD) 14TH NAP (IR) BN KIPHIRE.

35:SHRI INAKATO V. YEPTHO

CONSTABLE (GD) 14TH NAP (IR) BN KIPHIRE.

36:SHRI ASAMO

CONSTABLE (GD) 14TH NAP (IR) BN KIPHIRE.

37:SHRI MUWASE YINGPHITHONGRU

CONSTABLE (GD) 14TH NAP (IR) BN KIPHIRE.

38:SHRI ATHOW EKHE-A

CONSTABLE (GD) 14TH NAP (IR) BN KIPHIRE.

39:SHRI SHANBEMO LOTHA

CONSTABLE (GD) 14TH NAP (IR) BN KIPHIRE.

40:SHRI JENIREMO M. MURRY

CONSTABLE (GD) 14TH NAP (IR) BN KIPHIRE.

41:SHRI NEIKOWE AKAMI

NCE S.P. PHEK.

42:SHRI KHEHOVI YEPTHO

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P. PHEK.

43:SHRI RENTSAMO KIKON

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P. PHEK.

44:SHRI NOKSHEN H.M. KONYAK

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P. PHEK.

45:SHRI SHEKUKHOLU

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P. PHEK.

46:SMTI LUTSILI TRAKHA
CONSTABLE (GD) S.P. PHEK.

47:SMTI MULUTOLU VENUH

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P. PHEK.

48:SHRI ZEKOWEPE AKAMI

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P. PHEK.

49:SHRI NUKUTHO CUKHAMU

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P. PHEK.

50:SHRI VEDE SOHO

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P. PHEK.

51:SHRI CHEHIWE

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P. PHEK.

52:SHRI MENOTE WATSA

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P. PHEK.

53:SHRI EZOMONGO YANTHAN

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P. PHEK.

54:SHRI MATHEW

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P. PHEK.

55:SHRI KAIDUNPUN NCHANG

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P. PHEK.

56:SHRI VESUTO VERO

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P. PHEK.

57:SHRI WAWU KAPFO

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P. PHEK.

58:SHRI ZIOSE S. SANGTAM

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P. PHEK.

59:SHRI KHRIEPHRETO MEYASE

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P. PHEK.

60:SHRI PUSHA KHIAMNIUNGAN

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P. PHEK.

61:SHRI MESUSE PUCHO

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P. PHEK.

62:SHRI VIKHO-U SOPFUNUO

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P. PHEK.

63:SHRI EKONTHUNG PATTON

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P. PHEK.

64:SHRI P. YANPOTHUNG KITHAN

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P. PHEK.

65:SHRI WEMERI RITSE
CONSTABLE (GD) 5TH NAP BN PHEK.

66:SMTI MATEVI

CONSTABLE (GD) 5TH NAP BN PHEK.

67:SHRI KHROTE LOHE

CONSTABLE (GD) 5TH NAP BN PHEK.

68:SHRI TSOZO VITSU

CONSTABLE (GD) 5TH NAP BN PHEK.

69:SHRI LICHUMO PATTON

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P WOKHA.

70:SHRI TONGPANGTEMJEN

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P. WOKHA.

71:SHRI BENRITHUNG T.KIKON

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P. WOKHA.

72:SHRI W.PILAMO NGULLIE

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P. WOKHA.

73:SHRI MHAO N. KIKON

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P. WOKHA.

74:SHRI JANBEMO LOTHA

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P. WOKHA.

75:SMTI LIBENI ODYUO

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P. WOKHA.

76:SHRI RENPONTHUNG PATTON

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P. WOKHA.

77:SHRI HABEMO N. KIKON

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P. WOKHA.

78:SHRI ZANBEN PATTON

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P. WOKHA.

79:SHRI ASEMO ODYUO

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P. WOKHA.

80:SHRI ZURENTHUNG YANTHAN

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P. WOKHA.

81:SHRI ORENTHUNG A. TSANGLAO

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P. WOKHA.

82:SHRI. W. ABEMO TUNGOE

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P. WOKHA.

83:SHRI BIBENTHUNG PATTON

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P. WOKHA.

84:SMTI N. AJANBENI LOTHA

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P. WOKHA.

85:SHRI THUNGCHEBEMO KIKON

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P. WOKHA.

86:SHRI R. WOBWNTHUNG LOTHA

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P. WOKHA.

87:SHRI ZUPENTHUNG KIKON

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P. WOKHA.

88:SHRI CHONBEN KIKON

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P. WOKHA.

89:SHRI ZULAMO YANTHAN

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P. WOKHA.

90:SHRI JANBEMO TUNGOE

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P. WOKHA.

91:SHRI ZUCHANTHUNG L. ODYUO

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P. WOKHA.

92:SHRI N. NZANTHUNG KIKON

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P. WOKHA.

93:SHRI ZANBENTHUNG PATTON

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P. WOKHA.

94:SHRI KATO YEPTHO

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P. WOKHA.

95:SMTI MEDOCHUNUO

NCE 4TH NAP BN THIZAMA KOHIMA.

96:SHRI PELEBEITUO SOPFUNUO

CONSTABLE (GD) 4TH NAP BN THIZAMA
KOHIMA.

97:SHRI MANOJ KUMAR SHIWA

NCE 4TH NAP BN THIZAMA
KOHIMA.

98:SHRI NCHUMTHUNG M. TUNGOE

CONSTABLE (GD) 4TH NAP BN THIZAMA
KOHIMA.

99:SMTI THUNGBEMO MURRY

CONSTABLE (GD) I.G.P
KOHIMA.

100:SMTI N. PRICELLA

CONSTABLE (GD) I.G.P KOHIMA.

101:SMTI N. LOCHUMBENI LOTHA

CONSTABLE (GD) I.G.P KOHIMA.

102:SHRI NTSEMO LOTHA

CONSTABLE (GD) I.G.P KOHIMA.

103:SMTI O. YANSARONI ODYUO

CONSTABLE (GD) I.G.P KOHIMA.

104:SHRI P. SACHIO NGULLIE

CONSTABLE (GD) I.G.P KOHIMA.

105:SHRI M. AVUNGTHUNG

CONSTABLE (GD) I.G.P KOHIMA.

106:SHRI CHIBEN PATTON

CONSTABLE (GD) I.G.P KOHIMA.

107:SMTI MERIBENI ODYUO

CONSTABLE (GD) I.G.P KOHIMA.

108:SHRI PILAMO Y. JAMI

CONSTABLE (GD) I.G.P KOHIMA.

109:SHRI RENBON LOTHA

CONSTABLE (GD) I.G.P KOHIMA.

110:SHRI R. PONTHUNG LOTHA

CONSTABLE (GD) I.G.P KOHIMA.

111:SHRI WOJAMO KIKON

CONSTABLE (GD) I.G.P KOHIMA.

112:SHRI BENRITHUNG MURRY

CONSTABLE (GD) I.G.P KOHIMA.

113:SHRI KETOUZHALIE

CONSTABLE (GD) I.G.P KOHIMA.

114:SHRI ZHAPUSIETO BEI-O

CONSTABLE (GD) 10TH NAP BN (IR) ZHADIMA.

115:SHRI IMONGTOSHI

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P KOHIMA.

116:SMTI T. MOAINLA

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P KOHIMA.

117:SHRI SENCHUMTHUNG S. KITHAN

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P KOHIMA.

118:SMTI THEJANGUNO VIYA

CONSTABLE (COMPUTER OPERATOR) AT DEF PHEK.

119:SMTI NGAPLO KONYAK
CONSTABLE (GD) DEF MON.

120:SHRI A. MHATHUNG PATTON

LDA-CUM-COMPUTER ASSISTANT. DEF LONGLENG.

121:SHRI YANGPONG PHOM

CONSTABLE (OPERATOR) NPTO UNDER WHQ KOHIMA.

122:SHRI ALONG HAAH KONYAK

CONSTABLE (OPERATOR) NPTO UNDER WHQ KOHIMA.

123:SHRI LIBEMO T. ODYUO

CONSTABLE (OPERATOR) NPTO UNDER WHQ KOHIMA.

124:SHRI L. MYINGTHUNGO

CONSTABLE (OPERATOR) NPTO UNDER WHQ KOHIMA.

125:SHRI N. ECHUNGBEMO KIKON

CONSTABLE (OPERATOR) NPTO UNDER WHQ KOHIMA.

126:SHRI IMTIKUMBA

CONSTABLE (OPERATOR) NPTO UNDER WHQ KOHIMA.

127:SHRI AKEVI CHISHI

CONSTABLE (GD) 13TH NAP (IR) BN YAJANG-C MKG.

128:SHRI HACHITHUNG R. EZUNG

CONSTABLE (GD) 13TH NAP (IR) BN YAJANG-C MKG.

129:SHRI KAJENKABA

CONSTABLE (GD) 13TH NAP (IR) BN YAJANG-C MKG.

130:SHRI IMLISANEN

CONSTABLE (GD) 13TH NAP (IR) BN YAJANG-C MKG.

131:SHRI IMNUKTI NOKDIR

CONSTABLE (COMPUTER OPERATOR) 2ND NAP BN ALICHEN.

132:SHRI LICHANBEMO K. EZUNG

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P MKG.

133:SHRI A. HONKA KONYAK

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P MKG.

134:SHRI RAJU KUMAR

NCE (SWEEPER) 3RD NAP BN TUENSANG.

135:SHRI CHOPONGSE SANGTAM

CONSTABLE (GD) 3RD NAP BN TUENSANG.

136:SHRI P. PESHE KHIAMNIUNGAN

CONSTABLE (GD) 3RD NAP BN TUENSANG.

137:SHRI MHANDEMO N. PATTON

CONSTABLE (GD) 3RD NAP BN TUENSANG.

138:SHRI NAMCHAMBO

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P TUENSANG.

139:SHRI KHUMRIMONG S

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P TUENSANG.

140:SHRI NOKPHONG T. KONYAK

CONSTABLE (GD) 6TH NAP BN TIZIT
MON.

141:SHRI W. EANGTOK

CONSTABLE (GD) 6TH NAP BN TIZIT
MON.

142:SHRI YEANGLEI P.
CONSTABLE (GD) S.P
MON.

143:SHRI TOKA V. KIBA

NCE (W/C) 8TH NAP BN NALTOQA
ZBTO

144:SHRI NAGATO

NCE (SWEEPER) 8TH NAP BN NALTOQA
ZBTO.

145:SHRI MOPEN PHOM

NCE (COOK) 8TH NAP BN NALTOQA
ZBTO.

146:SHRI MOATEMJEN PONGEN

NCE (COOK) 8TH NAP BN NALTOQA
ZBTO.

147:SHRI RIKATO H. CHOPHY

CONSTABLE (GD) 8TH NAP BN NALTOQA
ZBTO.

148:SHRI NITOKA V. ZHIMO

CONSTABLE (GD) 8TH NAP BN NALTOQA
ZBTO.

149:SHRI IMKONGCHUBA IMSONG

CONSTABLE (DRIVER) 1ST NAP BN CHUMOUKEDIMA.

150:SMTI LILY KIKON

CONSTABLE (COMPUTER OPERATOR) 1ST NAP BN CHUMOUKEDIMA.

151:SHRI DIPAK MECH

CONSTABLE (GD) 1ST NAP BN CHUMOUKEDIMA.

152:SMTI PFUHKE

CONSTABLE (GD) 1ST NAP BN CHUMOUKEDIMA.

153:SHRI WALUNIBA

CONSTABLE (GD) 1ST NAP BN CHUMOUKEDIMA.

154:SMTI IMNYAIENLA

CONSTABLE (GD) 1ST NAP BN CHUMOUKEDIMA.

155:SHRI KEZHOSE KHIZHO

CONSTABLE (COMPUTER OPERATOR) 1ST NAP BN CHUMOUKEDIMA.

156:SMTI WANNYA PHOM

CONSTABLE (GD) 15TH NAP BN CHUMOUKEDIMA.

157:SMTI KASIMGAILIU

CONSTABLE (GD) 15TH NAP BN CHUMOUKEDIMA.

158:SHRI Y. CHINGNGAM KONYAK

CONSTABLE (GD) NAP TRAINING CENTRE CHUMOUKEDIMA.

159:SHRI RENTHUNGO M. MURRY

CONSTABLE (GD) 9TH NAP BN(IR) SAIJANG.

160:SHRI DUNWI

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P. PEREN.

161:SHRI HATHUNGO EZUNG

CONSTABLE (GD) 12TH NAP BN (IR) CHINGTOK
LONGLENG

162:SHRI P.HENJAH PHOM

CONSTABLE (GD) 12TH NAP BN(IR) CHINGTOK
LONGLENG.

163:SHRI TONGPANGKOKBA

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P
LONGLENG.

164:SHRI TUMCHOBEMO M. KIKON

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P
LONGLENG.

165:SHRI KOWE KAPFO

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P LONGLENG.

166:SMTI EMIYANI KIKON

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P LONGLENG.

167:SHRI AOCHUJANG JAMIR

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P LONGLENG.

168:SHRI P.V. VICTOR LINYU

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P LONGLENG.

169:SHRI MANGILONG AO

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P LONGLENG.

170:SHRI TOSAPOMGCHET

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P LONGLENG.

171:SHRI HAMTONG PHOM

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P LONGLENG.

172:SHRI ROLAND ODYUO

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P LONGLENG.

173:SHRI MYANBEMO KITHAN

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P LONGLENG.

174:SMTI MHALO TSOPOVUI

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P LONGLENG.

175:SHRI PIPONGTHUNG H. EZUNG

CONSTABLE (GD) S.P LONGLENG

Advocate for the Petitioner : SEPONGLEMLA CHANG,

Advocate for the Respondent : ,

BEFORE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KAKHETO SEMA

ORDER

Date : 20-03-2025

Heard Mr. Imti Imsong, learned Addl. Advocate General for the applicant.

The present application has been filed by the State of Nagaland represented by the Special Secretary to the Government of Nagaland, department of Home, Nagaland, Kohima, praying for extension of time for

compliance of the direction passed in the judgment & order dated 26/09/2024 in W.P.(C) No. 318/2023.

Paragraph-15 of the judgment & order dated 26/09/2024 inter-alia reads as under;

> "*15. In the above facts and circumstances obtaining in the case in hand, the present writ petition is disposed of with the following observations and directions.*
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> *[i] The appointments of the respondents, that is, of the respondent nos. 20 to 73 and the respondent nos. 75 to 183, challenged in the writ petition, to the post of Constables who were appointed during the period from January, 2018 to September, 2020 by the State respondent authorities without any advertisement are all set aside and quashed. The appointment orders enclosed as Annexure-B to B-53 and Annexure-B-55 to B-183 are set aside and quashed.*
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> *[ii] As the respondent no. 74 is found to have been appointed in a post of Constable [GD] against an existing vacancy on compassionate ground vide an Order of Appointment dated 21.11.2019 [Annexure-B-54], no interference is made in respect of the appointment of the respondent no. 74.*
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> *[iii] The State respondents are directed to take steps for holding fresh selection of the posts of Constables, which become vacant due to setting aside and quashing of the orders of appointment issued in respect of the respondent nos. 20 to 73 and the respondent nos. 75 to 183, by issuance of advertisement in newspapers which are widely circulated throughout the State of Nagaland. The said selection be held in accordance with law. It is further observed that the process of recruitment shall be conducted following the principles enshrined in Article 14 and Article 16 of the Constitution of India.*
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> *[iv] The process of selection shall be completed at the earliest and preferably within 6 [six] months from the date of the*

present order.

[v] The respondent nos. 20 to 73 and the respondent nos. 75 to 183 herein whose appointments have been set aside by this judgment would be eligible to participate in the fresh selection process.

[vi] The upper age limit of the respondent nos. 20 to 73 and the respondent nos. 75 to 183 as well as the petitioners herein shall be given relaxation. However, there shall be no relaxation in the matter of basic qualifications as well as the Departmental physical criteria. As held in the common Judgment and order dated 20.09.2024 [supra] that there shall be no concession/relaxation as sought for in terms with Annexure-A of the affidavit filed by the State of Nagaland on 20.08.2024 in the batch of writ petitions, W.P.[C] no. 189/2022 to W.P.[C] no. 199/2022, this Court likes to observe in similar manner, though the affidavit dated 20.08.2024 is not part of the records of this case.

[vii] The respondent nos. 20 to 73 and the respondent nos. 75 to 183 may be allowed by the State respondents to continue in-service for a period of 6 [six] months from the date of the instant order or till such time fresh appointments are made pursuant to the selection directed hereinabove, whichever is earlier.

[viii] It is further observed that during the continuance of service of the respondent nos. 20 to 73 and the respondent nos. 75 to 183 as observed in para [vii] above, they are required to maintain discipline required on the part of the members of the Nagaland Police Force and in case of any act of indiscipline on their part, the State respondent authorities would be at liberty to deal with such act of indiscipline in accordance with law."

Mr. Imti Imsong, learned Addl. Advocate General has referred to the paragraph-4 of the application which reads as under;

> "*4. That it is further respectfully submitted that the Department has been taking steps in earnest to comply with the direction of this Hon'ble Court, but considering the ponderous administrative process involved, it is unable to meet the dateline of 6 (six) months set by the Hon'ble Court, which shall expire by the end of March, 2025, and faced with the impending prospect of contempt proceeding unless the Hon'ble court is pleased to grant further extension of time in the interest of justice.*"

It is accordingly submitted that in view of the cumbersome process involved to complete the process of recruitment of the numerous posts of Constable, the State is not able to comply with the judgment & order dated 26/09/2024 within the time framed by the Court. The learned Addl. Advocate General therefore, submits that another 6(six) months time may be granted to the State to complete the process of recruitment as directed by this Court in the judgment & order dated 26/09/2024.

Ms. Z.Zhimomi, learned counsel appears for the respondents/petitioner No. 1 to 11 and vehemently objects to the submission made by the learned Addl. Advocate General for extension of time to comply with the judgment & order dated 26/09/2024. She also seeks for 10 days time to file written objection.

The judgment & order was passed on 26/09/2024 and the 6(six) months period for complying with the said judgment & order more particularly, to complete the selection process to the post of Constables shall end by 26/03/2025. This Court has taken into consideration the submission made by the learned Addl. Advocate General that the Government is earnestly taking steps to comply with the direction passed by this Court however, in view of the ponderous administrative process involved, it is unable to meet the dateline of 6(six) months set forth by this Hon'ble Court.

This Court has also taken into consideration the objection raised by the learned counsel for the respondents/petitioners and this Court is of the view that allowing 10 days time to the respondents/petitioners to file objection will frustrate the application itself.

On consideration of the submission made by the learned counsel for the parties and also taking into account that the State is taking steps to comply with the direction passed by this Court. This Court, in the interest of justice, is inclined to grant another 4(four) months time to the State/applicant to complete the process of selection as directed by this Court in the judgment & order dated 26/09/2024. The 4(four) months time shall commence from the date of this order.

The extension of 4(four) months time is granted only for enabling the State/applicant to complete the selection process for recruitment to the post of Constables. All the other directions passed in the judgment & order dated 26/09/2024 shall remain intact.

It is also made abundantly clear that no further extension of time shall be granted to the State for completing the recruitment process to the post of Constables in the Nagaland Police department.

The application stands disposed.

Sd/-

JUDGE

Comparing Assistant