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

Case No. : I.A.(Civil)/31/2025

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

VERSUS

SHRI KEKHRIESILIE RICHA AND 79 ORS
S/O KECHAVILIE RICHA,
R/O CHUMOUKEDIMA, WARD NO 2, NAGALAND

2:SHRI KEZHALESA KUOTSU
S/O KEDORU KUOTSU
R/O CHUMOUKEDIMA WARD NO. 9 NAGALAND

3:SHRI K. YIMKHONG

S/O KIULONGBA
R/O CHUMOUKEDIMA WARD NO.9
NAGALAND

4:SHRI MUKAM

S/O MUKHE KHEPUR
R/O CHUMOUKEDIMA WARD NO.9
NAGALAND

5:SHRI R. HAYITHUNG NGULLIE

S/O RENBENMO NGULLIE

R/O CHUMOUKEDIMA WARD NO.7
NAGALAND

6:SHRI BENRITHUNG NGULLIE

S/O T.A. NGULLIE
R/O CHUMOUKEDIMA WARD NO.7
NAGALAND

7:SHRI DZIESELHOUTUO

S/O LATE THEYIESAE NIENU

R/O CHUMOUKEDIMA WARD NO.9
NAGALAND

8:SMTI. MHONCHUMI Y. TSANGLAO

D/O YANBANTHUNG

R/O CHUMOUKEDIMA WARD NO.6
NAGALAND

9:SHRI VESUTO NAROH

S/O VESHOI NAROH
R/O CHUMOUKEDIMA WARD NO.10
NAGALAND

10:SHRI VIOKA B

S/O BOKAHO

R/O CHANDMARI COLONY
KOHIMA
NAGALAND

11:SHRI SHANGTSABA SANGTAM

S/O SETHRICHO SANGTAM

R/O CHUMOUKEDIMA WARD NO.10
NAGALAND

12:SHRI T. YONGSEBA SANGTAM

S/O TINGBISE SANGTAM

R/O CHUMOUKEDIMA WARD NO.1
NAGALAND

13:SHRI LAKIUMONG N. YIMCHUNGER

S/O NEOJI

R/O CHUMOUKEDIMA WARD NO.6
NAGALAND

14:SHRI KEZHAWELIE RICHA

S/O HECHAVILIE RICHA

R/O CHUMOUKEDIMA WARD NO.2
NAGALAND

15:SMTI VIBEIZONO KHRO

D/O LHOUSITO KHRO

R/O CHUMOUKEDIMA WARD NO.2
NAGALAND

16:SHRI NGAMPAI I KONYAK

S/O W. LEMWANG KONYAK
R/O CHUMOUKEDIMA WARD NO.7
NAGALAND

17:SHRI SUNGJEMINBA

S/O LIPOKSANGBA
R/O CHUMOUKEDIMA WARD NO.7
NAGALAND

18:SHRI KIHEUKIGGUMBE RIAME

S/O RAMDAND

R/O CHUMOUKEDIMA WARD NO.9
NAGALAND

19:SHRI IMKONGNOKTANG

S/O IMLIAKUM

R/O CHUMOUKEDIMA WARD NO.7
NAGALAND

20:SHRI AKAM YIMCHUNGER

S/O Y. KEKUNG YIMCHUNGER

R/O CHUMOUKEDIMA WARD NO.9
NAGALAND

21:SHRI BOTO MURRU

S/OVIHUTO
R/O CHUMOUKEDIMA WARD NO.1
NAGALAND

22:SHRI LIDISE

S/O T. MUNGACHO

R/O CHUMOUKEDIMA WARD NO.9
NAGALAND

23:SHRI HOKIGHE

S/O KHULU
R/O CHUMOUKEDIMA WARD NO.4
NAGALAND

24:SHRI EPOVEYI TETSEO

S/O VESUTO TETSEO

R/O CHUMOUKEDIMA WARD NO.6
NAGALAND

25:SHRI IZAINEULE TEILIA

S/O GIELUI
R/O CHUMOUKEDIMA WARD NO.6
NAGALAND

26:SHRI DANIEL VURY

S/O ASHOMI VURY

R/O CHUMOUKEDIMA WARD NO.4
NAGALAND

27:LHOUSITO KHRO ANGAMI

TRI ACTIVIST

PRESIDENT NAGA TRIBAL UNION

R/O CHUMOUKEDIMA WARD NO.2
DISTRICT CHUMUKEDIMA
NAGALAND

28:SHRI IMLIYANGER IMCHEN

S/O LT. I. MARTEMJEN
IMCHEN
DIBUIA VILLAGE

MOKOKCHUNG
CONSTABLE NAPTC

CHUMOUKEDIMA

29:SHRI CHODIVIZO CHAYA

S/O VIKHOL CHAYA VISWEMA VILLAGE KOHIMA

CONSTABLE NAPTC CHUMOUKEDIMA

30:SHRI L. MOASUNEP

S/O LANUWANGSHI
LAKHUNI VILLAGE MOKOKCHUNG

CONSTABLE NAPTC
CHUMUKEDIMA

31:SHRI SEOLI SANGTAM

S/O T. ATACHO SANGTAM
SITIMI VILLAGE KIPHIRE

CONSTABLE NAPTC
CHUMUKEDIMA

32:SHRI R. SHAHATO

S/O LT. RHAKKI
CHASSIR VILLAGE SHAMATOR
CONSTABLE NAPTC CHUMOUKEDIMA

33:SHRI MOATEMSU

S/O NEIKENTSULAK OF CHANDANG

MOIKOKCHUNG

CONSTABLE NAPTC CHUMOUKEDIMA

34:SHRI SENTIMOA WALLING
S/O CHUBAWATI WALLING OF KHAR VILLAGE

MOKOKCHUNG
CONSTABLE (GD) NAPTC CHUMOUKEDIMA

35:SHRI YIMLONG
S/O K. TANGBA
NOKSEN VILLAGE TUENSANG
CONSTABLE (GD) NAPTC CHUMOUKEDIMA

36:SHRI I. ALI LONGKUMER
S/O I. IMLEN LONGKUMER

AO KASHIRAM
DIMAPUR
CONSTABLE NAPTC
CHUMOUKEDIMA

37:SHRI IMNARENBA AO
S/O LT. KUMSANGLEMBA AO
CHANGKI VILLAGE MOKOKCHUNG

CONSTABLE NAPTC
CHUMOUKEDIMA

38:SHRI IMLISUNEP

S/O PANGTIMEREN
CHANGKI VILLAGE MOKOKCHUNG

CONSTABLE (GD) NAPTC

CHUMOUKEDIMA

39:SHRI NZANTHUNG TSOPOE

S/O R. THUNGAO TSOPOE
SHAKI VILLAGE
WOKHA

CONSTABLE (GD) NAPTC

CHUMOUKEDIMA

40:SHRI M. MHATHUNG TSOPOE
S/O LT. MHONTHUNG TSOPOE

SHAKI VILLAGE
WOKHA
CONSTABLE (GD) NAPTC

CHUMOUKEDIMA

41:SHRI MULUVEYI CHIZO

S/O SHEVEPA CHIZO

ZION COLONY PHEK

CONSTABLE (DRIVER) COMMANDANT 1ST NAP. BATTALION

42:SHRI ZUREN N. SHITIO

S/O NONGOTHUNG N. SHITIO
OKOTSO VILLAGE

WOKHA
CONSTABLE (GD) COMMANDANT 1ST NAP
BATTALION

43:SHRI JITESH YADAV
S/O BECHU SINGH YADAV
CHUMOUKEDIMA

CONSTABLE (GD) COMMANDANT 1ST NAP
BATTALION

44:SHRI D. OBED YIMCHUNGER

S/O TOCHIM YIMCHUNGER
HUKER BILLAGE TUENSANG
NCE (COOK) COMMANDANT 1ST NAP
BATTALION

45:SHRI R. TOKIU
S/O S. RECHING
KUTHER VILLAGE TUENSANG
CONSTABLE (GD) COMMANDANT 1ST NAP
BATTALION

46:SHRI K. ROKTSUBA YIMCHUNGER
S/O KEKONG YIMCHUNGER

HUKER VILLAGE
TUENSANG
CONSTABLE (GD) COMMANDANT 1ST NAP
BATTALION

47:SHRI NOKCHIUNG HONGANG
S/O LT. MONKOWONGTO CHANG CHINGMEI VILLAGE
TUENSANG
CONSTABLE (GD) COMMANDANT 1ST NAP
BATTALION

48:SHRI HOVISHE AYE
S/O NIZHETO AYE

ZUTOVI VILLAGE DIMAPUR

CONSTABLE (GD) COMMANDANT 1ST NAP
BATTALION

49:SHRI KANHAIYA KUNDRA SAFI
S/O LAXMI SAFI
KHAJEDIH VILLAGE

MADHUBANI BIHAR
NCE (COOK) COMMANDANT 1ST NAP
BATTALION

50:SHRI LICHITHUNG ODYUO
S/O PHYOBEMO ODYUO
NEW RIPHYIM VILLAGE
WOKHA
CONSTABLE (GD) COMMANDANT 1ST NAP
BATTALION

51:SHRI NIPUTO ZHIMO
S/O KHEKUTO ZHIMO
LIZU OLD VILLAGE DIMAPUR
CONSTABLE (GD) COMMANDANT 1ST NAP
BATTALION

52:SHRI KEYIHUNGBE
S/O ANGKI

JALUKIE TOWN PEREN

CONSTABLE (GD) COMMANDANT 1ST NAP
BATTALION

53:SHRI KEZHOTHO PUCHO
S/O DZUTHOKHOL
VISWEMA VILLAGE
KOHIMA
CONSTABLE (GD) COMMANDANT 1ST NAP
BATTALION

54:SHRI ATOLIE ZUTSO
S/O CHA-O ZUTSO
KIGWEMA VILLAGE
KOHIMA
CONSTABLE (DRIVER) COMMANDANT 1ST NAP
BATTALION

55:SHRI Y. DOSO YIMCHUNGER
S/O YANSOMONG SOTOKUR VILAGE
TUENSANG
CONSTABLE (GD) COMMANDANT 1ST NAP
BATTALION

56:SHRI YANTHAMO O. PATTONG
S/O OBED PATTON
OLD RIPHYIM VILLAGE
WOKHA
CONSTABLE (GD) COMMANDANT 1ST NAP
BATTALION

57:SHRI SOJAMO S. NGULLIE
S/O SACHEO NGULLIE
OLD CHANGSU VILLAGE
WOKH
CONSTABLE (GD) COMMANDANT 1ST NAP
BATTALION

58:SHRI N. SATHUNGO KIKON
S/O NYANBEMO KIKON
CHUKITONG VILLAGE WOKHA
CONSTABLE (GD) COMMANDANT 1ST NAP
BATTALION

59:SHRI SUBEN PATTON
S/O MARCUS PATTON
OLD RIPHYIM VILLAHE WOKHA
CONSTABLE (GD) COMMANDANT 1ST NAP
BATTALION

60:SHRI ORENPOMO LOTHA
S/O YIHAMO LOTHA
CHANGSU VILLAGE
WOKHA
CONSTABLE (GD) COMMANDANT 1ST NAP
BATTALION

61:SHRI LIBEMO N. SHITIRI
S/O LT. NLUMO SHITIRI
CHANGSU VILLAGE WOKHA
CONSTABLE (GD) COMMANDANT 1ST NAP
BATTALION

62:SHRI MHALAMO KIKON
S/O NCHUMBEMO KIKON
TSUNGKI VILLAGE
WOKHA
CONSTABLE (GD) COMMANDANT 1ST NAP
BATTALION

63:SHRI ZUJANTHUNG Y. NGULLIE
S/O YANKHOSAO NGULLIE
TSUNGKI VILLAGE WOKHA
CONSTABLE (GD) COMMANDANT 1ST NAP
BATTALION

64:SHRI N. THUNGCHANBEMO KIKON
S/O NRITHUNG KIKON
KOIO VUILLAGE
WOKHA
CONSTABLE (GD) COMMANDANT 1ST NAP
BATTALION

65:SHRI YANRENTHUNG PATTON
S/O OCHUMBEMO PATTON
N. LONGIDANG VILLAGE WOKHA
CONSTABLE (GD) COMMANDANT 1ST NAP
BATTALION

66:SHRI LICHIO Y. LOTHA
S/O P. YANTSAO LOTHA
SENJUM VILLAGE
DIMAPUR
CONSTABLE (GD) COMMANDANT 1ST NAP
BATTALION

67:SHRI BIDEMO C. ODYUO

S/O CHUMDEMO ODYUO
NEW RIPHYIM VILLAGE
WOKHA
CONSTABLE (GD) COMMANDANT 1ST NAP
BATTALION

68:SHRI LIYAMO NGULLIE
S/O ADAM NGULLIE
CHUMOUKEDIMA
CONSTABLE (GD) COMMANDANT 1ST NAP
BATTALION

69:SHRI JANBEMO Y. OVUNG
S/O UITAMO OVUNG
PHIRO VILLAGE WOKHA
CONSTABLE (GD) COMMANDANT 1ST NAP
BATTALION

70:SHRI SIMON YANTHAN
S/O LATE T. NZABEMO LOTHA
PANGTI VILLAGE WOKHA
CONSTABLE (GD) COMMANDANT 1ST NAP
BATTALION

71:SMTI. TALISENLA AIER
D/O MOAMAR AIER
SUNGRATSU VILAGE MOKOKCHUNG
CONSTABLE (GD) COMMANDANT 1ST NAP
BATTALION

72:SHRI NEIKESOLIE RIO
S/O LT. SALHOUVI RIO
CHIECHAMA VILLAGE
KOHIMA
CONSTABLE (GD) COMMANDANT 1ST NAP
BATTALION

73:SHRI KIBOVI
S/O NIVIKHU KHUKIYE VILLAGE
CONSTABLE (GD) COMMANDANT 1ST NAP
BATTALION

74:SMTI. VIZOKHONO NAGI
D/O SEDESIETO NAGI
DIPHUPAR B
DIMAPUR
CONSTABLE (GD) COMMANDANT 1ST NAP
BATTALION

75:SHRI THEJANGULIE YHOSHU
S/O AZELIE YHOSHU
KIGWEMA
KOHIMA
CONSTABLE (GD) COMMANDANT 1ST NAP
BATTALION

76:SHRI MANESH KUMAR YADAV
S/O NIRMAL YADAV

BASDAUPUR VILLAGE
P.O LAHANG DUNADUYA
P.S BIHIYA BHOJPUR ARA

NEW DELHI NCE (COOK)
COMMANDANT 1ST NAP BATTALION

77:KUMARI VIZOTUONUO USUO
D/O KHRIEZOLIE USUO
NERHEMA VILLAGE
KOHIMA
CONSTABLE (GD) COMMANDANT 15TH NAP (IR)
MAHILA BN

78:KUMARI ALOKALI SUMI
D/O NIXESHE SUMI
INDUSTRIAL VILLAGE
DIMAPUR
CONSTABLE (GD) COMMANDANT 15TH NAP (IR)
BN

79:KUMARI KUVEVOLU
D/O THUPURAYI VERO
CHEPOKETA VILLAGE
PHEK
CONSTABLE (GD) COMMANDANT 15TH NAP (IR)
BN

80:KUMARI KHRUNEZOLU
D/O KUHUKHWUYI
SUTHOZU NAGWU VILLAGE PHEK
CONSTABLE (GD) COMMANDANT 15TH NAP (IR)
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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, Nagaland 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 20/09/2024 in W.P.(C) No. 189/2022 to W.P.(C) No. 199/2022.

Paragraph-36 of the judgment & order dated 20/09/2024 inter-alia reads as under;

> "*36. Accordingly, this Court therefore disposes of the instant batch of writ petitions with the following observations and directions:*
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> *(i) The appointments which have been challenged in the instant writ petitions, i.e. 935 posts of Constables who were appointed during the period from January, 2018 to October, 2019 by the State of Nagaland without advertisement are all set aside and quashed. The appointment orders enclosed as Annexures referred to in Paragraph No.3 of the instant judgment are set aside and quashed.*
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> *(ii) The State Respondents herein are directed to take steps for holding fresh selection of the 935 posts of Constables by issuance of advertisement in*

newspapers which are well circulated in the State of Nagaland. The said selection be held in accordance with law.

(iii) The process of selection be completed at the earliest and preferably within 6 (six) months from the date of the instant judgment.

(iv) The private Respondents herein whose appointments have been set aside by this judgment would be eligible to participate in the fresh selection process.

(v) The upper age limit of both the private Respondents 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 mentioned in Annexure-A to the affidavit dated 20.08.2024.

(vi) This Court had rejected the concession/relaxation as sought for in terms with Annexure-A of the affidavit dated 20.08.2024.

(vii) The private Respondents may be allowed by the State Respondents to continue in-service for a period of 6 (six) months from the date of the instant judgment or till such time fresh appointments are made pursuant to the selection directed hereinabove, ***whichever is earlier***."

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 on 19th day 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 20/09/2024 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 20/09/2024.

Ms. Z.Zhimomi, learned counsel appears for the respondents/petitioners and vehemently objects to the submission made by the learned Addl. Advocate General for extension of time to comply with the judgment & order dated 20/09/2024. She also seeks for 10 days time to file written objection.

The judgment & order was passed on 20/09/2024 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 comes to an end on 20/03/2025. 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 20/09/2024. The extended 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 20/09/2024 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