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Item No. 56

IN THE HIGH COURT OF MANIPUR
AT IMPHAL

WP(C) No. 498 of 2026

Moirangthem Damu Singh, aged about 66 years, S/o (L) Moirangthem Angang Singh, a resident of Thangmeiband Sinam Leikai Cheirao Chingkhong, P.O. & P.S. Lamphel, Imphal West District, Manipur-795004. ...*Petitioner/s*

-Versus-

1. The State of Manipur represented by the Chied Secretary, Government of Manipur, Secretariat Building, Mantripukhri, Imphal East District, Manipur-795002.
2. The Secretary (OBC & SC), Government of Manipur, Secretariat Building, Mantripukhri, Imphal East District, Manipur-795002.
3. The Director (OBC & SC), Secured Office Complex, 1st Floor South Block, A.T. Road, P.O. & P.S. Imphal, Imphal West District, Manipur, PIN-795004.

...*Respondent/s*

-BEFORE-
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AHANTHEM BIMOL SINGH

For the Petitioner :: Mr. I. Denning, Advocate
For the Respondents :: Mr. Shyam Sharma, Government Advocate
Date of Hearing :: 29-10-2026
Date of Order :: 29-10-2026

ORDER(ORAL)

Heard Mr. I. Denning, learned counsel appearing on behalf the petitioner and Mr. Shyam Sharma, learned Government Advocate appearing on behalf of the respondents.

[2] The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that while the petitioner was serving as Agriculture Officer in the Directorate for Welfare of Other Backward Classes and Scheduled Caste, Manipur, the Under Secretary (MA, OBC & SC), Government of Manipur issued an order dated 29-05-2019 for holding an Inquiry against the petitioner under Rule 14 of the Central Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1965 (CCA Rules for short).

[3] Subsequently, on 26-02-2020, a Memorandum was issued by the Under Secretary (MOBC & SC), Government of Manipur proposing to hold an inquiry against the petitioner and along with the said memorandum, statement of article of charges framed against the petitioner were also issued.

[4] It has also been submitted by the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner that on the recommendation made by the High Powered Committee in its meeting held on 20-12-2017, a Notice under Rule 9(7) of the Manipur Public Servants' Personal Liability Rules, 2006 dated 10-01-2018 was issued by the Deputy Secretary (Finance/PIC), Government of Manipur, proposing to hold an inquiry against the petitioner under Rule 9(7) of the Manipur Public Servants' Personal Liability Rules, 2006. The substance of imputation against the petitioner was also enclosed and furnished to the petitioner along with the said notice dated 10-01-2018.

[5] The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner further submitted that on receiving the aforesaid memorandum dated 26-02-2020 and the notice dated 10-01-2018 for holding an inquiry against the petitioner under Rule 14 of the Central Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1965 and Rule 9(7) of the Manipur Public Servants' Personal Liability Rules, 2006 respectively, the petitioner submitted his written statements against the charges made against him.

[6] It has been submitted by the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner that after submitting the written statements of defense of the petitioner, no further proceeding has been initiated or continued by the authorities against the petitioner in connection with the aforesaid two proposed inquiry for the last many years. The learned counsel also submitted that the petitioner has since retired from service w.e.f. 31-05-2020 on attaining the age of superannuation. However, because of the pendency of the two proposed inquiries against him, the petitioner has been deprived of his pensionary and other retiral benefits. The learned counsel submitted that the present writ petition can be disposed of in terms of the earlier order passed by this Court on 24-07-2017 in WP(C) No. 30 of 2017, by issuing similar directions.

[7] Mr. Shyam Sharma, learned Government Advocate appearing for the respondents fairly submitted that in the order dated

24-07-2017 passed earlier by this Court in WP(C) No. 30 of 2017, after recording the factual matrix, direction had been issued to the authorities to hold and conclude any Departmental Inquiry/proceedings under the Manipur Public Servants' Personal Liability Rules, 2006 and act within a period of 6(six) months, failing which the petitioner in the said writ petition will be entitled to receive the full pensionary and other retiral benefits which may be subject to any order that may be passed by the competent authority on conclusion of such inquiry.

[8] Mr. Shyam Sharma, learned Government Advocate appearing for the respondents further submitted that as the prayer made on behalf of the petitioner is confined to only issuing a direction to conclude the two inquiries pending against him within a period of 6(six) months, he has no objection is disposing of this writ petition in terms of the earlier order passed by this Court.

[9] Considering the submission advanced by both the learned counsel appearing for the parties and the factual matrix narrated hereinabove, and also considering the earlier order dated 24-07-2017 passed by this Court in WP(C) No. 30 of 2017, this Court is of the considered view that the present writ petition can be disposed of with the following directions :-

(i) The respondents are directed to hold and conclude the above mentioned two Inquiries pending against the

petitioner within a period of 6(six) months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

(ii) In the event, the respondents failed to conclude the said inquiries initiated against the petitioner within the stipulated period stated herein above, the respondents are directed to release all the pensionary and other retiral benefits due payable to the petitioner as early as possible, but not later than three months, which will be subject to any order that may be passed by the competent authority on conclusion of such inquiries.

[10] With the aforesaid directions, the present writ petition is hereby disposed of.

JUDGE

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