Sl. Nos. 3 & 4

IN THE HIGH COURT OF MANIPUR
AT IMPHAL

W.A. No. 29 of 2026
With
MC (W.A.) No. 72 of 2026

1. The State of Manipur represented by the Commissioner (Health & FW), Government of Manipur, New Secretariat Building, Mantripukhri, P.O. Mantripukhri, P.S. Porompat, Imphal East District, Manipur - 795002.
2. The Director of Medical Education, Government of Manipur, Lamphelpat, P.O. & P.S. Lamphel, Imphal West District, Manipur - 795004.
3. The Joint Secretary (Health & FW), Government of Manipur, Secretariat Building, P.O & P.S, Imphal, Imphal West District, Manipur-795001.

... Appellants/applicants

Vs.

1. Nishita Laishram, aged about 18 years, D/o Laishram Noren Singh, resident of Yumnam Huidrom Makha Leikai, P.O. & P.S. Wangoi, District Imphal West, Manipur-795009.
2. The Proprietor, NETCOM Cyber Cafe, Keishampat, Keisam Leikai, P.O. & P.S. Imphal, Imphal West District, Manipur-795001.

...Respondents

3. The Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Shija Academy of Health Sciences, Langol, P.O. & P.S. Lamphel, Imphal West District, Manipur - 795004.

... Proforma Respondent

BEFORE
HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. M. SUNDAR
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AHANTHEM BIMOL SINGH

For appellants	Mr. Lenin Hijam, Senior Advocate & Advocate General, Manipur, instructed by Ms. Thanyomi Keishing, Advocate.
For respondent No. 1	Mr. Kh. Tarunkumar, Senior Advocate, instructed by Mr. S. Johnson, Advocate
For respondent No. 3	Mr. HS Paonam, Senior Advocate, instructed by Mr. S. Gunabanta, Advocate
Date of Judgment & Order	**03.11.2026**

JUDGMENT AND ORDER

(ORAL)

(M. Sundar, CJ)

[1] The following abbreviations/short forms have been used in this order (for the sake of brevity, convenience and clarity):

Sl. No.	Abbreviation/Short Form/other short references	Full Form/Expansion
1.	WA	Writ Appeal
2.	MC	Miscellaneous Case
3.	WP	Writ Petition
4.	NEET	National Eligibility cum Entrance Test
5.	R1, R2 and R3	1st respondent, 2nd respondent and 3rd respondent respectively

[2] Captioned main WA is an intra-court appeal assailing 'an order dated 25.09.2026 made in MC [W.P. (C)] No. 749 of 2026 in W.P. (C) No. 722 of 2026 by a Hon'ble Single Judge' ('impugned order' for the sake of convenience and clarity). R1 in the captioned WA (Nishita Laishram Laishram, daughter of Laishram Noren Singh) took the NEET examination *qua* Academic Year 2026-27 for MBBS seat and she secured 325 marks out of 720, her State rank is 1,009 (One Thousand and Nine) and National Rank is 5,00,285 (Five Lakh and Two Hundred Eighty Five).

[3] After first and second round of counselling, R1 did not get admission in any of the four medical colleges in the State of Manipur. Thereafter, R1 submitted a representation dated 18.08.2026 seeking

modification of particulars entered *qua* registration in the Manipur Medical e-Counselling 2026-27. Case of R1 in the representation is that she registered through a cybercafe (R2), a mistake had occurred there as seat type option was shown as ***'Government'***. In and *vide* her 18.08.2026 representation, R1 *inter alia* made a request to change it as ***'Management'*** seat type. This representation was rejected by way of a speaking order dated 21.08.2026 bearing Reference No. MED-506/16/2023-HS-HEALTH-Part(2) made by 3rd appellant . *Inter alia* assailing this speaking order, R1 filed a WP in W.P. (C) No. 722 of 2026. To be noted, the WP is still pending before the Hon'ble Single Bench. Pending WP, in and *vide* MC [W.P. (C)] No. 749 of 2026, R1 made a prayer to allow her to participate in third round of counselling *qua* ***'Management'*** seat and she sought stay of operation of the 21.08.2026 speaking order made by 3rd appellant. In this MC, in and *vide* impugned order, Hon'ble Single Judge made an order of interim direction saying that R1 should be allowed to participate in the then ongoing third round of counselling *qua* ***'Management'*** quota by converting her choice of seat from ***'Government'*** to ***'Management'***. Assailing this order, State has filed the captioned main WA.

[4] Learned AG for State Manipur and Senior Advocate, Mr. Lenin Hijam instructed by Ms. Thanyomi Keishing, learned State counsel *inter alia* submitted that seat type once chosen cannot be changed.

[5] Issue notice.

[6] Mr. S. Johnson, learned counsel who is present in Court, accepts notice for R1 and Mr. Kh. Tarunkumar, learned senior advocate appears on his behalf. Mr. S. Gunabanta, learned counsel who is present in Court accepts for R3 and Mr. HS Paonam, learned senior advocate appears on his behalf. As regards R2, which is the cybercafe, we dispense with notice in the captioned WA and MC thereat owing to the order we propose to make in the light of the trajectory the matter has taken and submission of learned senior counsel for R1.

[7] This Court, with the consent of all the afore-referred counsel and senior counsel took up and heard out the main WA, R1 and R3 waiving the formality of filing affidavits-in-opposition in the captioned MC.

[8] This Court is informed by all learned counsel and senior counsel that third round of counselling has since been completed and R1 was allowed to participate. Learned Advocate General submitted that one Soibam Ranjanba Singh whose NEET score is 285 marks out of 720 has been admitted in ***'Management'*** seat type in 'Shija Academy of Health Sciences' ('SAHS' for the sake of brevity) by making it clear/on condition that his admission is subject to the outcome of captioned WA i.e., W.A. No. 29 of 2026. Learned Advocate General, elaborating on this, submitted that this means that if R1 succeeds in the legal drill, Soibam Ranjanba Singh should make way/leave the college i.e., SHAS and R1 will be admitted in his place.

[9] In the aforesaid scenario, Mr. Kh. Tarunkumar, learned senior counsel submitted that another round of counselling which is known is stray counselling has also taken place and he would like to seek

moulding of relief/modification of prayer in the WP. According to learned senior counsel, candidates with lesser score than R1 have got admission in the stray counselling. We express no opinion on this submission.

Nonetheless, as learned counsel for R1 has now opted to go before the Hon'ble Single Bench and seek appropriate relief *inter alia* by way of modification of prayer or moulding of relief, we make it clear that admission of afore-referred Soibam Ranjanba Singh in SHAS *qua* ***Management*** seat type is now subject to outcome of W.P. (C) No. 722 of 2026. To be noted, scanned reproduction of the admission proceedings dated 26.10.2026 placed before this Court is as follows.

GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR
DIRECTORATE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION
CORRIGENDUM
Imphal, the 26th October, 2026

No. DME-18/1/2026-HEALTH: In partial modification of this Directorate's Notification of even number dated 24th October, 2026, regarding the allotment of candidates for admission to MBBS/BDS/BASLP courses under the Stray Vacancy Round of Manipur Medical e-Counselling 2026–27, and in pursuance of the letter received from the Director, Shija Academy of Health Sciences (SAHS), vide Ref. No. SAHS/DME/2026/04 dated 26th October, 2026, the following modifications are hereby made in **Annexure B (Management Quota for MBBS at SAHS)**:

The list of candidates whose seats were surrendered and the corresponding candidates admitted against the resultant vacancies, as intimated by SAHS, are given below:

Table 1: Candidates who surrendered their allotted seats

Sl. No.	Management Stray Rank	NEET UG 2026 Roll No.	Full Name	NEET UG 2026 score	Seat Category
1	5	3201109477	Achinglu Kamei	334	Management
2	34	4301101245	Shreyoshi Kar	294	Management
3	36	4301103403	Aneek Saha	289	Management

Table 2: Candidates admitted against the resultant vacancies

Sl. No.	Management Stray Rank	NEET UG 2026 Roll No.	Full Name	NEET UG 2026 score	Seat Category
1	37	3201108340	Patricia Arambam	289	Management
2	38	3201103191	Yatrin Kachui	287	Management
3	39	3201108402	Soibam Ranjanba Singh	285	Management

Accordingly, the following corrections shall be made in the original allotment notification:

1. The condition "Subject to the outcome of WA/28/2026 – State of Manipur & Anr. vs. Preety Soibam & Anr." appearing against Sl. No. 35, Takhellambam Litika Devi, in Annexure B shall stand deleted. Her allotment shall remain unchanged.
2. The allotment of Yatrin Kachui (Management Rank 38) shall be subject to the outcome of WA/28/2026 – State of Manipur & Anr. vs. Preety Soibam & Anr.
3. The allotment of Soibam Ranjanba Singh (Management Rank 39) shall be subject to the outcome of WA/29/2026 – State of Manipur & 2 Others vs. Nishita Laishram & 2 Others.

All other terms and conditions of the original notification shall remain unchanged.

(Somorjit Salam)
Director of Medical Education
Government of Manipur

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1. Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Health & FW, Government of Manipur.
2. Director, Shija Academy of Health Sciences, Langol.
3. Person concerned.
4. Guard file

In the aforesaid proceedings, as regards Sl. No. 3, '**WA/29/2026 - State of Manipur & 2 Others Vs. Nishita Laishram & 2 others**' shall now read as ***'W.P. (C) No. 722 of 2026 – Nishita Laishram Vs. The State of Manipur & 4 Ors'***.

[10] Though obvious, we make it clear that when R1 approaches Hon'ble Single Bench, the question of effecting service on R2(cybercafe) will be considered by Honble Single Bench and Honble Single Bench shall consider the matter on its own merits and in accordance with law untrammeled by observations made in the impugned interim order. To put in differently, observations in the impugned interim order will neither impede nor impel/catalyze submissions of either side and for this purpose, all questions are left open for being canvassed in the pending WP viz., W.P. (C) No. 722 of 2026 and/or any other MCs (if taken out therein).

[11] Captioned main WA is disposed of as closed albeit with observations as above and preservation of rights and contentions as setout supra. Consequently, captioned MC thereat has become otiose and the same is also disposed of as closed. There shall be no order as costs.

JUDGE **CHIEF JUSTICE**

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