

**B E F O R E**  
**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KH. NOBIN SINGH**

25-09-2017

Heard Shri M. Devananda, the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner in W.P. (C) No. 715 of 2017; Shri R.K. Deepak, the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner in W.P. (C) No. 730 of 2017 and Shri M. Rarry, the learned counsel appearing for the Caveator in W.P. (C) No. 730 of 2017.

Since the issues involved in these two writ petitions are similar, the same are disposed of by this common order.

These two writ petitions have been filed by the petitioners challenging the validity and correctness of the Government order dated 15-09-2017 and on perusal thereof, it is seen that by the said order, the Government has published the tentative Seniority List of Manipur Police Service (MPS) Officers as on 01-10-2013 and the concerned officers whose names are shown therein have been granted time till 30-09-2017 for raising any objection.

Having heard the learned counsels appearing for the petitioners, this court is of the view that the writ petitions are not maintainable as being premature for the reason that the petitioners are given opportunity to raise an objection to the tentative Seniority List. Shri M. Devananda, the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner in W.P. (C) No. 715 of 2017 has submitted that prior to the said order being issued by the Government, the petitioner has already submitted representations dated 14-08-2017 followed by 19-08-2017 and without considering the said representations, the State Government has issued the impugned order dated 15-09-2017. On top of that, Shri R.K. Deepak, the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner in W.P. (C) No. 730 of 2017 submits that the said impugned order was issued by the State Government during the pendency of the Review Petition being Rev. Petn. No. 22 of 2017 which was disposed of on 20-09-2017 only and therefore, submits that sufficient time is not available to the petitioners to raise objection.

In view of the above, these two writ petitions are disposed of by passing an innocuous order with the following directions –

- (a) While finalizing the tentative Seniority List, the said representations mentioned hereinabove will have to be considered and disposed of by the State Government.
- (b) So far as the submission made by Shri R.K. Deepak is concerned, it is open to the petitioners to approach the Government for extension of time for raising objection and in the event of an application/representation being made by the petitioners for extension of time, the Government shall consider it and dispose of sympathetically before finalizing the seniority list.

JUDGE