

**WP(C) No. 1063 of 2019**

Pampuinath Juny &amp; 15 Ors

....Petitioners

-Versus-

State of Manipur &amp; Anr

....Respondents

**BEFORE  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE LANUSUNGKUM JAMIR**

27.12.2019

Heard Mr. H.S Paonam, learned senior counsel assisted by N. Bipin, learned counsel for the petitioners. Also heard Mr. Sukumar, learned GA appearing for all the respondents.

[2] The petitioners were appointed as Civil Supply Inspectors after obtaining approval of the Government of Manipur, Department of CAF & PD by an order dated 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2017. By another order dated 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2017, the petitioners were given their transfer and posting. In the meantime, the Chief Secretary, Government of Manipur issued an order dated 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 keeping in abeyance all transfer and posting orders issued by any department on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2017. By the same order, it was further ordered that no further order of appointment and transfer posting shall be issued. The said order dated 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 was reviewed and consequently, the Chief Secretary, Government of Manipur issued another order dated 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 allowing all departments to issue orders of appointment and transfer and posting with approval from the competent authority..

[3] The Directorate of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Department issued a Notification dated 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2016 inviting applications in prescribed format for filling up 10 (ten) posts of Civil Supply Inspectors. Pursuant to the Notification dated 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2016, 21 (twenty-one) persons were appointed to the post of Civil Supply Inspector in the Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution Department by orders dated 15-12-2016 and 31-12-2016.

[4] While matters rest thus, the respondents issued Show Cause Notices dated 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 to all the Civil Supply Inspectors appointed by the orders dated 03-01-2017, 15-12-2016 and 31-12-2016. Being aggrieved with the show Cause Notice, the petitioners approached this Court by filing a writ petition being, WP(C) No. 765 of 2019. Upon hearing the parties, this Court by order dated 19-9-2019 suspended the Show Cause Notice dated 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2018.

[5] The grievance of the petitioners in the present writ petition is that after the suspension of the Show Cause Notice dated 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2018, the respondents have allowed the Civil Supply Inspectors who were appointed on 15-12-2016 and 31-12-2016 to join their post and discharge their duties and at the same time their salaries were also being paid to them. However, in the case of the present petitioners a different yard sticks have been applied whereby, they were not allowed to join to their post of Civil Supply Inspectors and therefore alleges discrimination amongst similarly situated persons.

[6] The petitioners therefore, made separate representations/applications before the Director, CAF & PD, Government of Manipur/respondent No. 2 all dated 3-10-2019. Another joint representation dated 6-12-2019 was also made before the Director, CAF & PD, Government of Manipur. The

said representations are still pending before the Director, CAF & PD, Government of Manipur/respondent No. 2.

[7] Upon hearing the parties and taking into consideration that the representations submitted by the petitioners on different dates before the respondent No. 2 are still pending for consideration, this writ petition is disposed of at the motion stage with a direction to the respondent No. 2 to consider the representations/applications made by the petitioners in accordance with law and in the light of the observations made by this Court herein above. Let such consideration be made within a period of one month from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

With the above observations and directions, writ petition stands disposed of.

**JUDGE**

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