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HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA
AT SHILLONG

WP(C). No. 453 of 2024

Date of Decision : 17.12.2024

Shri. Jose Cherian.

...Petitioner

-Versus-

1. North Eastern Hill University (NEHU)
Represented by the Vice Chancellor,
Shillong.
2. Registrar of North Eastern Hill University
(NEHU), Shillong.

...Respondents

Coram:

Hon'ble Mr. Justice H.S.Thangkhiew, Judge

Appearance:

For the Petitioner/Applicant(s) : Mr. S.P.Mahanta, Sr. Adv. with
Mr. L.M.Sangma, Adv.
Mr. D.Dkhar, Adv.

For the Respondent(s) : Mr. S.Sen, SC NEHU.

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JUDGMENT AND ORDER (ORAL)

1. The petitioner who is stated to be serving as an Executive Engineer under the respondent University was placed under suspension on 08-05-2024, which was thereafter extended for another period of 90 days on 05-08-2024. The period of extension, it has been contended by the learned Sr. counsel appearing for the petitioner has since expired on 04-11-2024, and as such by the efflux of time, and as per the extension order, the petitioner is liable to be reinstated to his post. It is further submitted that the writ petitioner is also due to retire on 30-06-2025.

2. Mr. S.Sen, learned counsel on behalf of the respondent University has submitted that due to the prevailing situation in the University, though it had been contemplated to extend the suspension of the writ petitioner as the nature of allegations are serious, the same could not be affected. He however, submits as the departmental proceedings are going on, the respondent University be allowed to complete the same.

3. On hearing the counsel for the petitioner, it is seen that the point in issue in this writ petition is short and confined only to the last extension of the suspension order dated 05-08-2024. A perusal of the same indicates that the respondent University in pursuance to an Emergent Executive Council decision held on 05-08-2024, had extended the suspension for another 90 days w.e.f. 06-08-2024. As the said period is since over, it



therefore naturally follows that the writ petitioner is entitled to be reinstated. The same is ordered accordingly. Needless to add, the departmental proceedings which are underway may be concluded expeditiously at the earliest.

4. With the above directions, the matter stands closed and disposed of.

Judge