

HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA
AT SHILLONG

WP(C) No. 85 of 2016
WP(C) No. 102 of 2016
WP(C) No. 103 of 2016
WP(C) No. 151 of 2017
WP(C) No. 512 of 2018

Date of order: 30.08.2022

Shri Bhakta Prallad Das	vs.	State of Meghalaya
Shri Jitendra Thakur	vs.	State of Meghalaya
Shri Amar Singh	vs.	State of Meghalaya
Ajay Master	vs.	State of Meghalaya
Mukesh Basfore	vs.	State of Meghalaya & anr.

Coram:

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjib Banerjee, Chief Justice
Hon'ble Mr. Justice W. Diengdoh, Judge

Appearance:

For the Petitioners	: Mr. K. Paul, Sr. Adv. with Mrs. R. Dutta, Adv.
For the Respondents	: Mr. S. Sahay, GA with Ms. R. Colney, GA

Though it was made clear in the previous order of August 8, 2022 that no further time will be afforded to the parties, the petitioners seek another week's time.

It is recorded that three of the five petitions are of the year 2016 and the two others of 2017 and 2018 by which appointments given to certain persons have been challenged by some of the unsuccessful candidates who are the petitioners herein. Despite long passage of time and sufficient opportunity afforded to the petitioners, the persons given appointment have not been impleaded.

Further, the appointees have been in service for more than six years in most cases and for at least more than four years in respect of the most recent writ petition. Though an order may have been made in one or more of the appeals indicating that the appointments would be only considered temporarily, even such an order has a shelf-life and it would be extremely unfair to undo appointments that have continued for more than four years at the behest of the unsuccessful candidates.

Since the petitioners seek a further week's time, let the matter appear next week.

List on September 6, 2022.

(W. Diengdoh)
Judge



(Sanjib Banerjee)
Chief Justice

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"Santosh, P.S."