

No. 7/1/2016-MPSC (DR)
MANIPUR PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

PRESS RELEASE
Imphal, the 26th August, 2020

It appears that the decision of the Manipur Public Service Commission (MPSC) to hold MCSCC (Main) Examination, 2016 afresh has been misunderstood by a very few of our brothers and sisters. This is unfortunate. This press release is to inform the general public on what we did, why we did and what we intend to do in future.

We, at MPSC, are honoured to serve this incredible state. Total fairness and honesty are what we, the people of Manipur, deserves. We want nothing less than a free and fair selection of the most deserving candidates for the post. May the deserving candidates get selected – that is our motto. If we may have our way, we would like to select everyone but that is not possible. We can only select only those who qualify. Our deepest sympathies to those who are not empanelled in the select list. Rest be assured, other than the merit, we would not allow the results to be influenced by any other factor. The MPSC would not rest till we ensure fairness in all examinations and all responsibilities entrusted to us. In times like this, through fairness and compassion, we will keep our promise to our people for total fairness using all available modern tools.

It may be informed that the MCSCC (Main) Examination, 2016 has been quashed by the Hon'ble High Court of Manipur vide its order dated 18/10/2019 in W.A. No. 19 of 2017 with the direction to the MPSC to conduct the said examination afresh. CBI was directed to investigate into the conduct of the MCSCC Examination, 2016. MPSC had filed an SLP to the Hon'ble Supreme Court challenging the said order. However, the Hon'ble Supreme Court had declined to grant relief to MPSC and had directed MPSC to hold the Main examination as early as possible implying that the examination is only for those 1130 candidates who were selected in the MCSCC (Preliminary) Examination, 2016.

The CBI has started their enquiry with seizures of required documents and materials from MPSC with active co-operation of our officers/staffs. CBI enquiry is still on but the Supreme Court order has delinked the holding of examination from the enquiry. MPSC has been trying to finalize the scheme of examination and syllabus with the Govt. of Manipur which culminated on 28/05/2020 with the State Govt. informing MPSC to continue with the previous scheme and syllabus. Meanwhile, MPSC has taken up measures to improve fairness and transparency while incorporating all the directives of the Hon'ble High Court. New technologies like On-Screen Evaluation System, Bar Coding of Answer Papers, etc are now added for future examinations. We now have a Controller of Examinations and Joint Controller of Examinations from MCS Cadre in who are working solely on conduct of examinations and examination related reforms.


The COVID-19 pandemic has a put a halt on conduct of examinations by MPSC for some time but we were also aware that the MCSCC(Main) Examination 2016 has to be conducted afresh at the earliest in order to avoid legal complicacies. Recently, the Hon'ble Supreme Court has given decisions in favour of holding of various examinations like National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) and Joint Entrance Examination (JEE). Besides, UPSC

& SSC are now going to conduct examinations all over India including Manipur. The National Defence Academy & Naval Academy Entrance Examination 2020 will be conducted on 6/09/2020.

We have also considered how other Public Bodies are conducting examinations in the COVID-19 environment. We are also aware that 9 (nine) months have lapsed since the Hon'ble Supreme Court's order. A full Commission meeting held on 14/08/2020 deliberated and took a conscious decision on holding the examination in October-November, 2020 to avoid legal complications and also in the interest of the State and the aspirants. This was notified in print and electronic media for public awareness. We have also adopted applicable SoPs for COVID-19 prevention as part of our protocols to be observed while conducting examinations.

However, there appears to be some misgivings with regards to the ability of the MPSC to hold examinations in a free and fair manner. We MPSC would like to mention that the MCSCC(Main) Examination, 2016 should not be the sole yardstick to judge our ability to conduct examinations. The very fact that MPSC has successfully conducted a number of examinations since 2016 with no major turbulence including examinations for recruitment of Medical Officers, Dental Surgeons, Engineers, etc. for the State which proves by itself the ability and competency of the MPSC in conducting recruitment examinations for the State.

MPSC would like to place before the public and the candidates who are to appear in the MCSCC (Main) Examination, 2016 to be held afresh that we will be conducting a fair and transparent examination. We will not stop till total fairness is ensured in all our actions including recruitment examinations. MPSC will ensure fairness and level playing field for every candidates in every recruitment.


26/08/2020
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SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CIVIL) Diary No(s). 39519/2019

(Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 18-10-2019 in WA No. 19/2017 18-10-2019 in WA No. 29/2017 18-10-2019 in WP(C) No. 606/2017 18-10-2019 in WP(C) No. 725/2017 passed by the High Court Of Manipur At Imphal)

YUMNAM DHANENDRA SINGH & ORS.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MANIPUR & ORS.

Respondent(s)

(FOR ADMISSION and I.R. and IA No.174990/2019-PERMISSION TO FILE PETITION (SLP/TP/WP/..))

WITH

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s). 27466-27468/2019

(FOR ADMISSION and I.R. and IA No.176734/2019-PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES [TO BE TAKEN UP ALONGWITH ITEM NO. 15 I.E. D.NO. 39519/2019])

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s). 27560-27562/2019

(FOR ADMISSION and I.R. and IA No.177649/2019-EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT[TO BE TAKEN UP ALONGWITH ITEM NO. 15 I.E. D.NO. 39519/2019])

WITH

Diary No(s). 40099/2019 (XIV)

(FOR ADMISSION and I.R. and IA No.177344/2019-PERMISSION TO FILE PETITION (SLP/TP/WP/..))

Date : 22-11-2019 These petitions were called on for hearing today.

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

Permission to file Special Leave Petition is granted.

Based on the report of the Commission the impugned order is passed which cannot be said to be erroneous. We find from the report of the Commission that sufficient material is gathered through investigation in transparent manner. Illegalities committed go to the root of the matter which vitiates the entire process of the selection. Hence, the Special Leave Petitions are dismissed.

The selected candidates shall be permitted to appear in the examination afresh. The objection relating to the overage should not be raised. We make it clear that we have not commented anything

- with regard CBI investigation. We hope that the Manipur Public Service Commission will hold the main examination afresh as early as possible.

Pending application(s), if any, stands disposed of accordingly.

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