

**CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL  
GUWAHATI BENCH**

Original Application No. 042/00209/2017

Date of Order: This, the 29<sup>th</sup> day of October 2018

**THE HON'BLE SMT. MANJULA DAS, JUDICIAL MEMBER**

**THE HON'BLE MR. N. NEHSIAL, ADMINISTRATIVE MEMBER**

1. Lashram Nilachandra Singh  
S/O – (L) Yaima Singh  
Resident of Iramsiphan Mamang Leikai  
P/s – Wangoi, Date of Joining – 28.09.1998  
Section Farm and Home Rural Compere.
2. Mangastabam Ashatombi Devi  
S/O – Mangastabam Tondon Singh  
Resident of Kongpal Chanam Leikai  
P.O & P.S – Porompat, District – Imphal  
West, Manipur, Pin – 795005  
Date of Joining – 17.08.1998  
Section General
3. Khaidam Victoria Devi  
W/O – Rx. Sivadlas  
Resident of Imphal West, Manipur  
Date of Joining – July, 1992  
Section General Announcer Manipur.
4. Ningthoujam Lembisana Devi  
S/O – Ningthoujam Amuba Singh  
Resident of Lilong Chajing Chingkhong Leikai  
P/O – Lilong, Pin – 795130, District – Imphal  
West, Manipur. Date of Joining – May, 2009.  
Section General Announcer.
5. Daimei Kumneajinnang  
S/O – Deimei Kadu  
Chingameirang Rongmei Village  
Imphal West, Manipur  
Date of Joining - September, 2002  
Section General Announcer/ News reader (Kabui).

6. Ahemlu Pamei  
W/O – Gainalung Golmei  
Thoron Thongmeibad, Imphal West, Manipur  
Date of Joining – September, 2002  
Section General Announcer/ News reader (Kabui).
7. Zannet Kamson  
D/O – K. Kajuiphun  
Resident of Dimdailong Imphal, Manipur  
Date of Joining – 1982  
Section General Announcer/ News reader (Kabui).
8. Agong Thaimei  
W/O – Gaijinlung Thaimei  
Resident of Ragailong, Near Minuthong  
Imphal, Manipur, Date of Joining – September, 2002  
Section General Announcer/ News reader (Kabui)
9. Laishram Bijaya Devi  
D/O – L. Amar Singh  
Resident of Kakwa Lamdaibung  
Canchipur, Imphal, Manipur, Date of Joining – 15.07.1998  
Section General Announcer Western Music.
10. Ratankumar Loitongbam  
S/O – L. Kulabidhu Singh  
Resident of Keishampat Jailor Leirak  
P/O & P/S – Imphal West  
Imphal West, Manipur – 795001.  
Date of joining – July, 1992  
Section General Announcer Manipur.
11. Huirem Priyojit Singh  
S/O – (L) Huirem Krishnamohan Singh  
Resident of Keishamthong Elangbam Leikai  
P/O & P/S – Imphal West, 795001, Manipur  
Date of Joining – 04.02.1998  
Section General Announcer Farm And Home.
12. Bijaya Devi  
W/O – Dr. N. Kala Singh  
Resident of Uripok Bachaspati Leikai  
Imphal West, Manipur, 795001  
Date of Joining – May, 2009  
Section General Announcer/ Compere/ Western Music.

13. Sangeeta Nameirakpam  
D/O – N. Brajamani  
Resident of Chingamathak Nameirakpam Leikai  
Nagakraba Leirak, Imphal, 795001, Manipur  
Date of Joining – May, 2009  
Section Casual Announcer Western Music.
14. Nandeibam Onika Devi  
W/O – Salam Priyokumar Singh  
Moirangkhom Sougaijam Leirak  
Imphal, 795001, Manipur  
Date of Joining – July 1992.  
Section Casual Announcer.
15. Huidrom Kiranmala  
W/O – Akoijam Chandrajit  
Resident of Singjamei Oinam Thingei  
P/O & P/S – Singjamei, Imphal West, 795001.  
Date of Joining – June, 1985.  
Section Compere Hindi.
16. Laishram Rasheswary Devi  
Resident of Sagolband Moirang Leirak  
Imphal West, 795001, Manipur  
Date of Joining – May, 2009  
Section General Announcer.
17. Konjengbam Rakesh Kumar  
S/O – (Late) Konjengbam Angou Singh  
Resident of Konjengbam Leikai, Moirang  
Imphal West, Manipur  
Date of Joining – May, 2009  
Section Announcer.
18. Mrs Geeta Devi  
Wife of S. Gagarin Singh  
Resident of kwakeithel Konjeng Leikai  
Imphal West, Date of Joining June 2009.

**...Applicants**

By Advocates: Mr. M.G. Singh, Mr. S.K. Singh, Mr. N.T. Singh &  
Mr. M.K. Dutta.

-Versus-

1. THE UNION OF INDIA, represented by Secretary, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, New Delhi, Pin -
2. The Director General, All India Radio, New Delhi, Pin -
3. The Assistant Director of Programmes (SW), New Delhi, Pin -
4. Head of Programme, AIR, Imphal, Pin -

**...Respondents**

By Advocate: Mr. R. Hazarika, Addl. CGSC

### **ORDER (ORAL)**

#### **MANJULA DAS, JUDICIAL MEMBER:**

By this O.A., applicants make a prayer to set aside and quash the impugned guidelines dated 21.02.2017 and 18.04.2017 and to regularize their services.

2. Heard Mr. N.T. Singh, learned counsel for the applicants and Mr. R. Hazarika, learned Addl CGSC for the respondents.

3. It was submitted by the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the applicants that all the applicants are casual employees in different section of All India Radio, Imphal as Announcers/Presenters/Comperes/RJs and they have been

rendering their services since appointment in their respective posts without any break till date. They were engaged at different point of time during the period from 1985 to 2009 and they continued till 2017. They are aggrieved for the discriminatory and arbitrary action of the respondents in not formulating an appropriate Scheme for Regularization of the Casual Announcers/Comperes (Assignees) working under the respondent authority since long time as well as their impugned action in passing the impugned orders dated 21.02.2017 read with the order dated 18.04.2017 in the matter of audition/re-screening of the Assignees.

4. Mr. Singh further submitted that the applicants have approached this court against the Orders/Notifications No. 15/3/2017-P-6 dated 21.02.2017 and No. 15/3/2017-P VI dated 18.04.2017.

5. From the reading of the above Orders/Notifications, it is clear that the selection process have been launched with the intention for creating fresh panel for Assignees and also to audition/rescreen the existing Assignees in accordance with the certain guidelines detailed in the said Orders/Notifications dated 21.02.2017 and 18.04.2017.

6. Mr. Singh submitted that the present 18 applicants are working from more than 10 years in various capacities. According to the learned counsel, forcing them again to go fresh audition/rescreen process is arbitrary and not as per law.

Mr. Singh brought to the notice of the court the litigation going on between the department and the existing Assignees for regularisation. According to Mr. Singh, the same has been adjudicated in their favour by the CAT, Ernakulam Bench in O.A. Nos. 1182/2012 and 475/2013 dated 22.11.2013 and upheld by the Hon'ble Kerala High Court in Writ Petition OP (CAT) No. 38 of 2015 dated 27.10.2015 and the matter is now pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

7. Mr. Singh fairly submitted that the Hon'ble Supreme Court in SLP No. 13876-13877/2016 dated 05.09.2016 has ordered status quo.

8. It is evident from the perusal of records that despite last chances being granted to the respondents for filing written statement, however, they have restrained themselves from filing the same.

9. Since all the applicants are casual workers and working under respondent department for long w.e.f. 1985 to

2009, in view of the above fact and without going into the merit of the case, we direct the respondent authority to allow the applicants to continue as such till formation of the Scheme for Regularization of the Casual Announcers/Comperes (Assignees).

10. As the Hon'ble Apex Court has ordered status quo vide order dated 05.09.2016 in SLP No. 13876-13877/2016, in view of that, respondents are also directed to implement the order passed by the Hon'ble Apex Court although it is interim measure.

11. With the above direction, O.A. stands disposed of. No order as to costs.

**(N. NEIHSIAL)**  
**MEMBER (A)**

**(MANJULA DAS)**  
**MEMBER (J)**

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