

New fiasco at RIMS

Director office clarifies on the delay for recruitment of MTS; Non-teaching staffs bounce back terming it as "misleading"

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The ongoing fiasco at Regional Institute of Medical Science (RIMS) is likely to turn ugly as there seems lapse in the understanding between the demand by the Non Teaching Staffs and the Director's office.

In a press conference held at the office of the Director RIMS today afternoon, Deputy Director RIMS, Kaikham Dougl terms the demand of the non-teaching staffs as "not reasonable" as there are certain procedural guidelines which need to be followed to the recruitment.

"Due to the enforcement of the election model code of conduct and a recent interim court order for holding of the recruitment of the 130 multi tasking force at RIMS, the recruitment is being delayed", Dy. Director RIMS Kaikham Dougl clarified. Director, of RIMS Prof. Shanta, Medical Superintendent, Ch. Arun and some other administration staffs were present in the press conference.

The press clarification was made amidst a sit-in-protest staged by the on Non-Teaching Employees Welfare Association in front of the RIMS Administrative Block. The Deputy Director of RIMS as well as the Director RIMS stand firm that the recruitment of the Multi

tasking Staffs of RIMS will be conducted as per rule and guideline which stated that open entrance examination is a must as per the rules. The clarification only in-circles to the issue of the recruitment of the Multi Tasking force only which is only a part of the demand by Non-Teaching

Employees Welfare Association.

"The Director's office is misleading the demand of the Non-Teaching Employees Welfare Association", said Thiya Babu, secretary of the association while talking to reporters soon after the press clarifications from the

Directors' office.

"Issues that we put up are many and the recruitment of the Multi Tasking Staffs is only a part of the demand which we felt that the Director's office is trying to mislead the agitation of the non-teaching staffs by mentioning only about the

recruitment" he added. As many any 100 of non-teaching staffs staged the sit-in-protest in front of the Director's office by holding placards that read "Go back DR. A Shanta", the Director RIMS.

The charter of demands that the Non-Teaching Employees Welfare Association of RIMS had put up are - filling of the vacant post such as stenographer-III, LDC, Lab Assistance MSW; to include the cadre review of the non-teaching staffs as the main agenda in the Executive Council meeting; die-in harness appointment to the kin of the non-teaching staff; to materialize the enhancement of the remuneration of the contract non-teaching staffs in par with that of RIPAN; uniformed allowance for Grade -IV staffs of the institute; implementation of the Children

Education Allowance according to the 7th Pay Commission and DPC for promotion of the non-teaching cadre in time.

This charter of demands was submitted to the Director on December 5, 2016 and it was verbally agreed to fulfill by the Director Prof. A Shanta himself, Thiya Babu said. Another Charter of demand submitted on Dec. 26, 2018 for release of staff salary on or before 5 of every month; to fix the scheduled for interview of the Multitasking staffs with last week of January 2019 and that too without conducting written test as done I the case of appointment of the 4 PWDs, among others remain unheard, he added.

The non teaching staffs said that they will not roll back their demand and will intensify if the Director fails to listen to their demand.

On the other hand, Director RIMS, Prof. A. Shanta said that written test is mandatory for the recruitment of any posts and that there will be no room for back door appointment.

Another obstacle in starting the recruitment process is the High Court intervention which gave an interim direction to hold the process of the recruitment of the Multitasking Staff.

The writ petition was filed in the High court by 71 persons who had submitted the applications but due to the delay whose age has been over.

The advertisement for the filling of the 134 Multi Tasking Staffs was published on Jan. 16, 2016 and the last date of submission of the form was Feb. 8, 2016. And till today, that is after a gap of 3 years the recruitment is still pending.

Clarification by Dy. Dir RIMS on the issue of MTS recruitment

The institute had issued advertisement for filling up of 134 posts of Multi Tasking Staff, RIMS, Imphal vide advertisement No. B/3025/2015-RIMS dt. 16th Jan., 2016 during the period of the then Director of the institute. Out of the 134 posts of Multi Tasking Staff, 4(Four) posts were reserved for Persons with Disability (PwD) Category. The 4 (four) posts reserved for PwD category were filled up and appointed in May, 2016, in terms of Hon'ble Supreme Court order and Special Recruitment Drive for filling up for posts reserved for PwD category. On appointment of 4 PwD category, the institute is facing legal litigation from Shri.Th. Raichandra Singh filed in the Hon'ble High Court of Manipur stating that the institute has violated the DoPT O.M. No. 39020/01/2013-Estt (B)- Part dt. 29th Dec., 2019, thereby not conducting the written test. Thereafter, another Professor was appointed as Director in-charge of the institute w.e.f. 27th April, 2016. The institute issued Notification for holding of Aptitude/Skill test from 27th Jan., onwards vide institute Notice No. B/3025/2015-RIMS dt. 31st Dec., 2016. However, due to enforcement of Election Model Code of Conduct from 9/1/2017 for General Assembly Election of the state, the scheduled Aptitude/Skill Test could not be conducted. The institute had also made effort even by requesting to the Chief Electoral Officer of Manipur to allow the institute to conduct the Personality/

Aptitude Test vide institute letter No. B/3025/2015-RIMS dt. 6th Jan., 2017. Before the Model Code of Conduct is lifted the then, Director, left the office of the Director on attaining the age of Superannuation on 28/2/2017.

The Institute was left without a Director from 1/3/2017 to 3/4/2017. Thereafter, an IAS Officer was appointed as Director of the Institution as in-charge and assumed the charge of Director from 4/4/2017. The then Director, RIMS, Imphal left the office of Director on 31/7/2017. As the tenure of the Director was for a short span of time, no concrete decision on filling up of the vacant posts of Multi Tasking Staff was made. A students organizations i.e. All Tribals Students' Union Manipur (ATSUM) has also objected the Advertisement requesting to implement of 34% reservation for ST candidates. The Institute was again without a Director from 1/8/2017 to 16/8/2017 until Prof.A Santa Singh assumed the charge of Director, RIMS, Imphal on 17/8/2017 as additional charge till 8/11/2017 which was extended from time to time. During this period the Director being on in-charge basis could not take an effective decision. On assumption of Prof.A. Santa Singh as regular Director from 9/11/2018, the process for filling up Multi Tasking Staff was started. Accordingly, a committee under the Chairmanship of Medical Superintendent was constituted for scrutinizing the applications received from the candidate as the applications were received

directly to the office and not through Employment Exchanges. In the meantime the NTEWA has also requested the authority to conduct the Selection process without written examination as was done in the case of recruitment of PwD category. The applications need to be thoroughly scrutinized so as to avoid future legal complications. The institute has also issued an Addendum dt. 9th March, 2019, informing the Admit Card Holders for the post of Multi Tasking Staff to exercise their option/choice of trade in the Option Form as a part of Skill/Aptitude Test. However, due to enforcement of Election Model Code Of Conduct in connection with the 17th Lok Sabha Election, the process for submission of Option Form was kept in abeyance w.e.f. 20/3/2019.

The Institute is in the process of continuing the process of filling up of Multi Tasking Staff since the Model Code of Conduct has been lifted on 25/5/2019. In the meantime, 71 people have filed Writ Petition to the Hon'ble High Court stating that as per DoPT instructions the time frame for completing of a Selection process is (six) months as the advertisement dt. 16th Jan., 2016 is over 3(three) years they have requested to allow them to compete in the selection process even though they have not applied for the same in earlier stage.

Fake Police thrashed by locals

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A person faking as police personnel was thrashed by the locals of Wangkhem Khul on Wednesday around 7 pm and handed to Iribung Police. The person was identified as Thongram Inao Singh (57 yrs), son of late Munan. He hails from Chanam Sandrok Mamang Leikai. The locals claim that the person entered into the homes of the villagers and threatened them with an arrest warrant issued by Civil



Judge (Sr Div) Lamphel. He inquired the whereabouts of the secretary and the president of the local club and threatening them with arrest, the locals added. Ch Samananda, the secretary of Wangkhem Nongmaileima

Youth Club said that there is a case going on in the Civil Court Lamphel about a Village grazing ground. A person from Singjamei Chingamathak has taken over the land without due process, secretary of the local club added. The matter is related to the case.

Thongram has done similar things in the village earlier. The locals have been waiting to get hold of him, they added. The locals got suspicious and he was detained in the local club and later handed to the police.

Discussion on Self Reliant Economy

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One day discussion programme on 'Self Reliant Economy' organised by Y.K. College Students Union in collaboration with All Manipur Progressive Farmers' Association (AMPFA) held at Y.K. College Wangjing Mini Conference Hall, today. Principal, Y.K. College Wangjing, Dr.S. Giri Singh, All Manipur Progressive Farmers' Association (AMPFA), President, S. Ratankumar and MIMS (Manipur University) Director, Prof. Ch. Ibohah Singh are as dignitaries.

On the discussion programme AMPFA, President, S.Ratankumar discuss the topic on Economic and Regeneration and Youths Power and MIMS, Director, Prof. Ch. Ibohah discuss the topic on Agricultural Entrepreneurship as a profession. Students of the college, teachers and progressive farmers were attended the discussion programme.

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Youth's Forum for Protection of Human Rights (YFPHR) expressed strong condemnation the act of Assam Rifles to promote child as child soldier in the state of Manipur and North East at Large which is under the AFSPA, 1958.

A statement signed by Phajaton, president of the Forum said that the Assam Rifles deployed in Manipur

who are to assist the civil administration are vastly conducting the "Know Your Assam Rifles" a Campaign to motivate and encourage the young children. It further aimed to spread maximum awareness among the youth to join the Indian Defense Forces. Large number of youth from various villages were encouraged to learn about the Defense Forces through audio visual display of motivational movies and modern Weapons/

Equipments used by the Armed Forces. It added that Manipur is announced as disturbed area by imposing the draconian law, Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 and the Government of India is yet to define the existing conflict in Manipur as International Armed Conflict or Non-international armed conflict till date. "The Campaign by the Assam Rifles is a violation of the UN Optional Protocol to the

Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict which the Government of India have signed and Rectified in the year 2005. "To encourage and motivate the children under the age of 18 years is way forward to promote child soldier which is a clear violation of International Humanitarian Law and other International Laws on Children. The sophisticated weapons are displayed before the children

and showing various videos on Armed Forces to the children under the age of 18 years cannot be taken as an act of awareness but an act of promoting child soldier which is in need of serious concern. "The act of the Assam Rifles is an act of opening of child soldiers recruitments camps in nook and corner of the state which is not a good sign but a step to end the lives of the children", the Forum said and appealed the State and Assam Rifles to stop the campaign

which is a violation of child rights and violation of UN Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict, 2000. It also appealed the state to direct the Assam Rifles to stay away from the students and young children so as to maintained proper educational environment and urged to direct the Assam Rifles not to enter the educational institutions in Army Uniforms.

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