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GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR SECRETARIAT: FORESTS, ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE DEPARTMENT

ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR OF MANIPUR

Imphal, the 28th May, 2025

No. CSFE-103/29/2023-FE-Dept.(For & Envt): WHEREAS, WP(C) No. 748 of 2024 (Dr. Laishram Saratchandra Singh -vs- State of Manipur & Ors.) had been filed seeking for enhancement of the age of superannuation of the Petitioner, Dr. Laishram Saratchandra Singh, a Veterinary Assistant Surgeon (now re-named as Veterinary Officer) in Manipur Zoological Garden, Iroisemba under the Forest Department, from 60 years to 62 years as in the case of similarly situated Veterinary Officers of Manipur Veterinary & Animal Husbandry Service (MV & AH) and also that of the Autonomous District Councils, Manipur;

AND WHEREAS, the Hon'ble High Court of Manipur observed that a similarly situated person can't be left out from the benefit of enhancement of the age of superannuation from 60 years to 62 years; and directed that the age of superannuation of the Petitioner, Dr. Laishram Saratchandra Singh shall stand extended to 62 yrs. vide its Judgment & Order dated 05-07-2024 in WP(C) No. 748 of 2024;

AND WHEREAS, it is the observation of the Hon'ble High Court that providing different treatment to similarly situated persons goes against the spirit of the principle of equality as embodied in the Constitution of India and that exclusion of the case of Dr. Laishram Saratchandra Singh, a Veterinary Officer in the Manipur Zoological Garden from the benefit of enhancement of the superannuation age is without any valid reason, and the same cannot be presumed to be an intelligible differentia with regard to the object of classification;

AND WHEREAS, the Governor-in-Council has conveyed approval to the enhancement of superannuation age of Dr. Lashram Saratchandra Singh from 60 years to 62 years vide its decision taken on 24-04-2025, followed with concurrence of the Department of Personnel and the Finance Dept.(PIC), Government of Manipur vide its U.O. No. 6/2025-2026/DP dated 13-05-2025 and U.O. No. 35/2025-2026/FD(PIC) dated 19-05-2025 respectively;

AND WHEREAS, Dr. Laishram Saratchandra Singh was due for retirement in the afternoon of the last day of the month in which he completes the age of 60 years i.e. 31-07-2024. However, pursuant to the said order of the Hon'ble High Court and upon approval being accorded to the enhancement of superannuation age, Dr. Lashram Saratchandra Singh shall be retained in the service upto the age of 62 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governor of Manipur is pleased to enhance and extend hereby the age of superannuation from 60 years to 62 years in respect of the Petitioner in WP(C) No. 748 of 2024, Dr. Laishram Saratchandra Singh, a Veterinary Assistant Surgeon (now re-named as Veterinary Officer) in Manipur Zoological Garden, Iroisemba under the Forest Department, in compliance with Judgment & Order dated 05-07-2024 of the Hon'ble High Court of Manipur in WP(C) No. 748 of 2024 (Dr. Laishram Saratchandra Singh -vs-State of Manipur & Ors.). Accordingly, the incumbent will continue to be in service till the date of attaining the age of 62 years.

This is issued with approval of the Competent Authority along with concurrence of the Department of Personnel and the Finance Department (PIC), Government of Manipur, as mentioned above.

By orders & in the name of the Governor,

A. HEERA SINGH,
Deputy Secretary to the Government of Manipur.