

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF MANIPUR
AT IMPHAL**

**WP(C) No. 707 of 2026 with
MC(WP(C)) No. 733 of 2026**

Preety Soibam, aged about 20 years, D/o Soibam Nepolean
Singh of Haobam Marak Chingtham Leikai, P.O. Imphal, P.S.
Singjamei, Imphal West District, Manipur-795001.

... Petitioner

- Versus -

1. The State of Manipur represented by the Commissioner (Health), Government of Manipur, New Secretariat Building, Mantripukhri, P.O. Mantripukhri, P.S. Porompat, Imphal East District, Manipur 795002.
2. The Director of Medical Education, Government of Manipur, Lamphelpat, P.O. & P.S. Lamphel, Imphal West District, Manipur-795004.
3. The Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Shija Academy of Health Sciences, Langol, P.O. & P.S. Lamphel, Imphal West District, Manipur-795004.

... Respondents

**B E F O R E
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A. GUNESHWAR SHARMA**

ORDER

18.09.2026

[1] This matter is taken as unlisted item due to urgency involved in the matter (admission in the MBBS Course in Manipur).

[2] Heard Mr. N. Ibotombi, learned sr. counsel assisted by Ms. Y. Jinita, learned counsel for the petitioner.

[3] The petitioner appeared in National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (UG), 2026 for admission in MBBS Course and her scored is 397 out of 720. In the 1st round of counselling for the medical college in Manipur, the petitioner made first preference as Churachandpur Medical College (CMC) and second preference as SAHS (Shija Academy of Health Sciences). The petitioner was not considered in the 1st round of counselling, however, for the 2nd counselling the petitioner made first preference as SAHS, second as CMC, third as Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences (JNIMS) & fourth as Regional Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS). The seats allocation for the 2nd counselling was issued by notification dated 16.09.2026 against the management quota for SAHS; 25(twenty-five) students were recommended for admission; the last one scored 339 and first two scored 470 and 397 respectively.

[4] Mr. N. Ibotombi, learned sr. counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner scored is 397 and she should be recommended at sl. no. 2 in the SAHS against the management quota and without any justification her name has been omitted, thereby depriving the petitioner has a chance to get admission in the 2nd round of counselling. The learned sr. counsel for the petitioner submits that the respondents may be permitted to make seat choice against MBBS seat in management quota at SAHS and directed the respondents to participate in 3rd round of counselling or any other seat available in SAHS. It is further submitted that the petitioner has been informed that her name was not in the selected list of the candidates for admission in SAHS against the management quota, as her choice was considered against the SAHS State seat.

[5] Issue notice.

[6] Mr. A. Priyokumar Sharma, learned counsel assisting Mr. S. Chittaranjan, learned Addl. AG accepts notice on behalf of respondent nos. 1 & 2 and Mr. S. Gunabanta, learned counsel assisting Mr. HS Paonam, learned sr. counsel accepts notice on behalf of respondent no. 3 (SAHS).

Hence, service is complete on all respondents. Since, the only prayer is for admission in MBBS Course, instead of waiting for counter affidavit, this Court with the consent of all the learned counsel appearing for the parties proposes to dispose of this case at this stage.

[7] Mr. S. Chittaranjan, learned Addl. AG submits that the choice of the petitioner has been considered against SAHS State seat. He further explains that in the SAHS, there are 3(three) categories of seat, i.e. State quota, Management quota and NRI quota. He draws the attention of this Court to the contents in 'para 5' of the writ petition where, it is specifically pleaded the petitioner has not opted for management quota by way of her choice and in such situation, she was rightly excluded from the list of 2nd counselling for management quota in SAHS.

[8] Mr. HS Paonam, learned sr. counsel for the SAHS submits that at this stage, SAHS has no role in the admission and whole admission process is done as per the direction of the State respondents and in the State counselling, SAHS has no role except complying the recommendation made by the State Level Counselling Committee.

[9] Mr. N. Ibotombi, learned sr. counsel submits that presuming that the petitioner has applied for SAHS State quota only (not admitting but considering the sake of argument as submitted by learned Addl. AG), her case can be considered favourably. There is precedent by this Court where, candidates in the MBBS Course in SAHS were permitted to opt for the management quota where the choice at the time of the counselling was for State quota. Learned sr. counsel refers to order dated 12.08.2025 passed by this Court in WP(C) No. 620 of 2025 (Khulem Nishant Singh vs. Union of India & 4 Ors.) whereas, all candidates in similar situation were permitted to opt for the SAHS management quota.

[10] This Court has perused the materials on record. As per **Annexure-A/3**, the choice of seat option given by the petitioner is one

CMC, second SAHS and for clear understanding, the seat choice in the 1st counselling and 2nd counselling are reproduced below:

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Annexure - A/3.

DIRECTORATE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION
GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR

Choice Preference Acknowledgement Slip

NEET Roll No.	3201114017	Candidate Name	PREETY SOIBAM
Caste/Category	Gen	Mobile No.	9856135376
Counselling Round	Round 1		

Locked Course - Institute Preferences

Preference Order	Institute	Course Name
1	CMC	MBBS
2	SAHS	MBBS

● These choices were locked on 17-Aug-2026 12:26 PM for Round 1 of UG Medical Counselling 2026-27.

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Annexure - A/7.

DIRECTORATE OF HEALTH SERVICES
GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR

Choice Preference Acknowledgement Slip

NEET Roll No.	3201114017	Candidate Name	PREETY SOIBAM
Caste/Category	Gen	Mobile No.	9856135376
Counselling Round	Round 2		

Locked Course - Institute Preferences

Preference Order	Institute	Course Name
1	SAHS	MBBS
2	CMC	MBBS
3	JNIMS	MBBS
4	RIMS	MBBS

● These choices were locked on 11-Sep-2026 02:05 PM for Round 2 of UG Medical Counselling 2026-27.

[11] On clear perusal of the choice of preferences filed by **Annexures- A/3 & A/7**, nothing is shown that the petitioner opted for SAHS State quota. This Court is of the view that the petitioner opted for

SAHS necessarily includes both State quota as management quota and NRI. Petitioner shall be eligible for considering against the State quota as well as management quota by Annexure- A/3 & A/7 which are documents of the State counselling and mentioned by the Directorate of Medical Education, Govt. of Manipur. Even though SAHS has no role at this stage, Mr. HS Paonam, learned sr. counsel fairly submits that there are seats available against the management quota of SAHS of MBBS Course as on today.

[12] Considering all these facts together, this Court is of the view that it will be the interest of justice to treat the petitioner at sl. no. 2 in the list of candidates in the 2nd round for SAHS management quota. In the circumstances, this Court directed respondent no. 2 to insert the name of the petitioner as 1(a) in the notification dated 16.09.2026 and she is permitted to take admission as qualified in 2nd counselling on the basis of this order.

[13] Mr. S. Chittaranjan, learned Addl. AG submits that today is the last day of joining of the college. Accordingly, petitioner is permitted on the basis of this order to join SAHS today. Any formality will be completed within a period of 10(ten) days from today.

[14] With these observations, WP(C) No. 707 of 2026 & MC(WP(C)) No. 733 of 2026 are disposed of. No costs.

[15] Furnish a copy of this order to the learned counsel appearing for the parties by whatsapp or any other available mode.

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