GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR SECRETARIAT: LAW & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

OFFICE MEMORANDUM Imphal, the 25th August, 2018

Subject: Instruction on engagement of private Advocates, Standing Counsel, Legal Advisor etc. in the Departments of the Government of Manipur.

No. 5/65/2018-Case/L(HC): It has been notified that Administrative Departments and Directorates under the Government of Manipur have engaged private Advocates, Standing Counsel or Legal Advisor for the cases in the High Court of Manipur and thereby creating gaps in the management of Court cases by the Departments and delay of actions and coordination between the Advocate General, Addl. Advocate Generals and Government Advocates and Administrative Departments and Directorates in the matters pending in the High Court of Manipur.

- 2. In supersession of all earlier instructions on the above subject, all the Administrative Departments and the Directorates are hereby directed that no private Advocates will be engaged in the cases before the High Court of Manipur except in Contempt Cases from the date of this Office Memorandum and all Administrative Departments and Head of Departments are advised to strictly follow these instructions.
- 3. All Administrative Departments and Head of Departments are hereby advised to discontinue ongoing engagement of Standing Counsel or Legal Advisor or in any other name immediately.
- 4. Any violation or non-compliance of the above instructions will be viewed seriously.

(Dr. J. Suresh Babu) Chief Secretary Government of Manipur

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- 2. P.S. to Minister (Law & Legislative Affairs), Manipur.
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- 5. All Addl. Advocate Generals, Manipur/ Deputy Advocate General, Manipur.
- 6. The Government Advocates (High Court), Manipur.
- 7. All Heads of Departments.
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