GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR LAW & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM Imphal, the A. November, 2025.

Subject: Instruction on handling of court cases by Government Advocates in the High Court and furnishing of preliminary/written instructions by Administrative Departments.

No. 5/74/2025-Case/L-(HC)(Pt.): It has come to the notice of the State Government that disposal of different cases at threshold/motion stage in the name of innocuous orders has resulted in different legal complications, on several occasions, wherein the State Government has been unable to put on record appropriate defense in the cases before the Hon'ble High Court.

- 2. After considering the facts and circumstances in this regard, State Government hereby considered appropriate, and having satisfied, hereby issues the following guidelines for all Administrative Secretaries/HoDs under State Government /Government Advocates in the High Court of Manipur as given below:
 - i. All Government Advocates (HC)/Addl. Government Advocates (HC) and State Government Counsels are hereby directed to refrain from getting the cases disposed at the motion stage without obtaining proper/ written instruction(s) from the concerned Administrative Department.
 - ii. In such cases referred in the para above, the Government Advocates shall invariably seek a minimum of one week's time to obtain proper/written instruction(s) from the concerned Administrative Department(s).
 - iii. All Administrative Departments and Heads of Departments (HoDs) are hereby advised to ensure that necessary preliminary or written instructions sought by the office of the Government Advocate (High Court), Manipur, are furnished promptly and within the time limit requested, so as to facilitate timely and effective representation of the State Government before the Hon'ble Court.
- 3. This Office Memorandum may be circulated to all concerned for strict compliance. Any violation or non-compliance of the above instructions will be viewed seriously.

(Dr. Puneet Kamar Goel)
Chief Secretary

Government of Manipur

Copy to:-

- 1. P.S. to Advocate General, Manipur.
- 2. All Addl. Chief Secretaries/ Principal Secretaries/ Commissioners/ Secretaries, Government of Manipur.
- 3. All Addl. Advocate Generals, Manipur/ Deputy Advocate General, Manipur.
- 4. The Government Advocate (High Court), Manipur.
- 5. All Heads of Departments.
- 6. The Website Manager, DIT Manipur for uploading of the Memorandum in the Government Website.
- 7. e-file no. L-MISC/34/2025-SEC-LAW
- 8. Guard file.

(N. Kheda Varta Singh) Secretary (Law) Government of Manipur