

**UNION PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
DHOLPUR HOUSE, SHAHJAHAN ROAD  
NEW DELHI-110069**

**PRESS RELEASE**

**5<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2024**

Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination, 2024, is to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 across the country including Imphal Centre. In pursuance of the order dated 28/03/2024 of the Hon'ble Delhi High Court in W.P.(C) No. 3805/2024, the Commission has decided that the candidates who have opted 'Imphal (Manipur)' Centre, can choose any of the 80 notified Centres of the said Examination.

- The option of change of Centres for such candidates will be available on the Website of the UPSC from 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 to 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 on round the clock basis.
- The candidates may also submit their requests for change of centres by calling on toll free helpline number (1800118711) on all working days from 8<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 between 10:00 AM and 05:00 PM.
- The candidates can also send their Centre change representations at E-mail Id [uscsp-upsc@nic.in](mailto:uscsp-upsc@nic.in) from 8<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2024.
- E-mail and SMS will be sent to all the candidates who have opted for Imphal Centre on their registered E-mail Address and registered Mobile Number.

2. On receipt of Centre change options from the willing candidates through any of the above modes, they will be allocated to the Venues of their chosen Centres and accordingly, message confirming the change of Centres shall be sent to each such candidate on his/her registered mobile number.

3. The e-Admit Cards to these candidates will be available for downloading from the UPSC's Website alongwith other eligible candidates of Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination, 2024, around one week before the date of Examination.

4. A copy of the Hon'ble Delhi High Court's order dated 28/03/2024 is attached herewith for information of all concerned.

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\* IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI

+ W.P.(C) 3805/2024

ZOMI STUDENTS FEDERATION

..... Petitioner

Through: Mohd. Nizamuddin Pasha (Through VC) with Mr. Sidharth Kaushik, Mr. John Simte, Ms. Aayushi Mishra and Mr. Rum Hang Thang Shoute, Advocates.

versus

UNION PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION &amp; ORS..... Respondents

Through: Mr. Ravinder Agarwal and Mr. Lekh Raj Singh, Advocates for R-1/UPSC  
Mr. Apoorv Kurup, CGSC with Mr. Gurjas Singh Narual, Ms. Nidhi Mittal, Mr. Akhil Hasija, Ms. Gauri Goburdhan and Ms. Aanchal Dubey, Advocates for R-2/UPSC  
Mr. Pukhrambam Ramesh Kumar with Mr. Piyush Beriwal and Mr. Nikhil Kumar Chaubey, Advocates for R-3/State of Manipur.

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Date of Decision: 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2024**CORAM:****HON'BLE THE ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE****HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE MANMEET PRITAM SINGH ARORA**

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**JUDGMENT****MANMOHAN, ACJ : (ORAL)**

1. Present public interest petition has been filed seeking issuance of directions to the Respondents to make adequate arrangements for tribal



candidates from the hill districts in Manipur so as to enable them to take the Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination, 2024 and Indian Forest Service (Preliminary) Examination, 2024 (“CSE – Preliminary”). The Petitioner Federation also prays for issuance of directions to the Respondents to set up examination centres at Churachandpur and Kangpokpi in the hill districts of Manipur and reopening of application portal/correction window to enable the candidates to opt for a centre of their choice.

2. After filing of the present public interest litigation, a number of orders had been passed by this Court.

3. Today, the learned counsel for Respondent No. 1–UPSC (hereinafter referred to as the ‘Commission’) has handed over an affidavit dated 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2024. In the said affidavit, it is stated that as the Government of Manipur has expressed its inability to open examination centres at Churachandpur and Kangpokpi, districts of Manipur, it is not feasible for the Commission to open and operate examination venues at Churachandpur and Kongpokpi districts for the UPSC examination.

4. It is also averred in the said affidavit that candidates from the hill districts of Manipur, who have presently opted for Imphal as their examination centre can choose any of the following Centres:-

- i. Aizawal (Mizoram)
- ii. Kohima (Nagaland)
- iii. Shillong (Meghalaya)
- iv. Dispur (Assam)
- v. Jorhat (Assam)
- vi. Kolkata (West Bengal)
- vii. Delhi

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5. Learned counsel for the Commission states that in case these candidates of the hill district of Manipur opt for any other centre apart from those, which are noted above, their request shall be duly accommodated. He assures that the Commission will permit the candidates from the hill districts of Manipur, who have opted for Imphal as their examination centre to change their examination centre during the period 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 to 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 by making a request for change of examination centre at e-mail I.D: "uscsp-upsc@nic.in".

6. He states that the Commission would be in a position to share the details (namely application number, registered mobile number, e-mail ID and address etc.) of candidates from the hill districts of Manipur, who have opted for Imphal as their centre of examination, with the State administration of Manipur, so as to facilitate them in providing transport facilities, etc. to the candidates from these districts. He also states that candidates from these districts can, in the event of any need, contact the Commission's toll-free helpline number 1800118711.

7. Learned counsel for the State of Manipur has handed over a photocopy of the letter dated 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 written to him by the Chief Secretary, Government of Manipur. The said letter reads as under:-

**"No. H-1701/40/2024-HD-HD  
GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR  
SECRETARIAT: HOME DEPARTMENT**

To,  
Shri Pukhrambam Rameshkumar,  
Standing Counsel for the State of Manipur,  
Supreme Court of India

**Subject:- In the High Court of Delhi – W.P(c) No. 3805/2024  
[Zomi Students Federation -vs- Union Public Service Commission &  
Ors.]**

Sir,

*In inviting a reference to your email dated 22-03-2024 regarding*

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*communication of order dated 22-03-2024 passed by Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in the above referred Writ Petition, I am to intimate that State Government has considered the ground situation and decided to extend financial assistance in the form of re-imbusement of fare for conveyance from District Hqs. concerned to the examination center limited to the maximum of 2<sup>nd</sup> class sleeper railway fare rates or notified bus fare rate of the State, whichever is applicable and for fooding and accommodation @ Rs. 1000/- per day for 3 (three) days at the maximum.*

*2. The State Government will also make arrangement for facilitating transportation within the district through Deputy Commissioner concerned. In other exceptional circumstances, matter will be considered on case to case basis.*

*3. It is, therefore, requested to kindly take necessary action to appraise the above before the Hon'ble Delhi High Court.*

*Yours faithfully,*

*(Dr. Vineet Joshi)  
Chief Secretary,  
Government of Manipur"*

8. The statements/assurances/undertakings given by the learned counsel for the Commission as well as by the State of Manipur are accepted by this Court and they are held bound by the same.

9. Recording the aforesaid undertakings/ statements/ assurances, the present writ petition is disposed of.

10. It is clarified that the Petitioner Federation shall be at liberty to approach this Court for variation/ modification/ clarification of the present order by filing an appropriate application.

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**ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE**

**MANMEET PRITAM SINGH ARORA, J**

**MARCH 28, 2024/rhc**