

Manipur to regularize over 1000 teaching jobs

Imphal: The state government has decided to regularize the jobs of more than 1,100 college and higher secondary schoolteachers, working as part timers, many for more than a decade. The move would cost the state exchequer more than Rs 33 crore annually.

The decision was cleared by the state cabinet at a meeting on Monday. The cabinet also decided to create 290 posts for teachers in addition to the approved posts of 182 and 90 posts of non-teaching staff for 12 government-aided colleges in the state.

State government spokesman and rural development minister Moirangthem Okendra Singh said the job regularization programme will cover 418 part-time college teachers and 714 part-time higher schoolteachers. "There will be an additional expenditure of Rs 17,80,37,816 annually for regularizing the 418 part-time college teachers as assistant professors. In addition to this Rs 16 crore will be spent annually to regularize the jobs of 714 high schoolteachers," he said.

Besides giving its consent to regularize 13 contractual teachers of Heirok Government High School in Thoubal district, the cabinet also decided to rationalize the existing manpower of the Manipur State Power Distribution Company Limited, said the spokesman.

Lecturers of six government-aided colleges are currently on strike demanding that they must be absorbed following the Manipur University staff recruitment procedure. Non-teaching staff must also be recruited as per the rule stated and followed by the Manipur government. The protesting teachers also sought implementation of the UGC's sixth pay commission.