**Misc. case no. 5 of 2021**

**Ref. Case no. 3 of 2021**

**01.12.2021**

1. Register this application as separate Misc. Case.

2. Perused the letter of the Inquiry Officer of the present case dated 01.12.2021, requesting the Director (Inquiry), Manipur Lokayukta to seek necessary order from the Lokayukta for extending the period of completion of preliminary inquiry. In that letter, it is mentioned that collection of material, information and documents for completion of the preliminary inquiry is almost completed but for obtaining the comment from the competent authority as provided under section 20(2) of Manipur Lokayukta Act, 2014 may take some more time.

3. Director (Inquiry), Manipur Lokayukta under his letter dated 01.12.2021 to the Manipur Lokayukta requested for extension of the period for completion of preliminary inquiry as per the said request made by the Inquiry Officer under the said letter dated 01.12.2021. We have also taken the judicial note of different orders passed by the Government of Manipur and Central Government for restricting the movement of the general public during the Covid – 19 pandemic period.

4. Taking into consideration of the exceptional circumstances, we are of the considered view that the extension of the period for completion of the preliminary inquiry is required to be extended for a period of 6 (six) weeks from 25.11.2021. Accordingly, period for completion of the preliminary inquiry is extended for another 6 (six) weeks from 25.11.2021 for completion of the preliminary inquiry. It is made clear that the Inquiry Officer shall make all endeavours to complete the preliminary inquiry within this extended period.

5. Misc. case is allowed and disposed of accordingly.

 Sd/- Sd/-

**Member Chairperson**