02.09.2019

Perused the note dated 02.09.2019 submitted by Deputy Registrar, Manipur Lokayukta.

The Complainant, one Mr. Bashan Singh Waikhom filed the present complaint against (1) Dr. M. Shyamo, Ex-Director, JNIMS, Porompat, residence of Lalambung Takhellambam Leikai, Imphal and (2) Dr. Angam, Professor, Department of Forensic Medicine, JNIMS, Porompat, Imphal alleging that in the month of March, 2015, one HPLC machine which cost Rs. 22,53,563/- had been purchased by the respondents/opposite parties in collusion with others at Rs. 72,87,787/- for JNIMS Forensic Medicine Department. It is also further alleged that the respondents/opposite parties and others had misled the Government that the said machine was mandatory as per the MCI recommendation, but it was found out that MCI never recommended the said machine as mandatory. It is also further alleged that there is a report that exactly similar equipment was supplied to Tripura Medical College at Rs. 16,22,313/-.

We are of the considered view that a preliminary inquiry against the opposite parties by the Inquiry Wing will be required to ascertain as to whether there exists a prima facie case for proceeding as provided under Section 20 (1) of the Manipur Lokayukta Act, 2014.

It is also made clear that the Director (Inquiry), Manipur Lokayukta and his team while conducting the Preliminary Inquiry shall keep in view their powers and jurisdiction as provided under Sub-section (1), Sub-section (2), Sub-Section (4), Sub-section (5) and Sub-section (9) of Section 20; Section 21; Section 22; Section 28 (2); Section 29; Section 32; Section 36 and other provision of Manipur Lokayukta Act, 2014. Director (Inquiry) shall submit the report within the timeframe under the Sections referred to above.

Await report from the Director (Inquiry), Manipur Lokayukta.

Sd/-MEMBER Sd/-CHAIRPERSON