

COMPLAINT CASE NO. 3 OF 2020
WITH
COMPLAINT CASE NO. 9 OF 2021

06.06.2022

1. Perused the office note dated 06.06.2022 wherein it is reported that Shri Ravi Choudhary, IPS (MA : 2016) (SP, Kamjong) has been inducted as Superintendent of Police in National Investigation Agency (NIA) on deputation basis for a period of 5 years and he is likely to assume charge of the post of Superintendent of Police in National Investigation Agency (NIA) on deputation basis for a period of 5 (five) years from the date of assuming the charge.

2. Shri Ravi Choudhary, IPS (MA : 2016) (SP, Kamjong) is conducting the investigation of the present case under FIR No. 3(02)2022 CB-PS U/s 13 PC Act & 120-B IPC in pursuance of order of the Manipur Lokayukta dated 02.02.2022 passed in Complaint Case No. 3 of 2020 with Complaint Case No. 9 of 2021. As per our earlier order dated 07.01.2022 passed in Complaint Case No. 3 of 2020 with Complaint Case No. 9 of 2021, it had been clearly noted under para 22(A) that

“22. (A) A direct recruit IPS Officer (non-Local) of the rank not lower than Additional SP serving under the State of Manipur is directed to investigate the present cases by exercising all the powers conferred under the Manipur Lokayukta Act, 2014. The name of the IPS Officer will be intimated later after receiving a panel of names within five working days from the Chief Secretary, Government of Manipur. The Chief Secretary, Government of Manipur while sending the list of panel of IPS officer may not include IPS officer who is in the Offer List for Central/State deputation for the year, 2022.”

2.1 While passing the earlier order dated 02.02.2022, we have taken notice of the letter of the Inspector General of Police (Admn) for Director General of Police, Manipur being No. E/35/23/2015-PHQ(Adm)/832 dated 20th January, 2022 for sending a panel of names of direct recruit IPS officers (non-local) in pursuance of our common judgment and order dated 07.01.2022 to the Under Secretary (DP), Govt. of Manipur for taking further necessary action. Shri Ravi Choudhary, IPS, Investigating Officer of the said FIR appeared before Manipur Lokayukta and informed us the circumstances leading to his deputation to NIA as Superintendent of Police in National Investigation Agency (NIA). Such being the case, Shri Ravi Choudhary, IPS, Investigating Officer of the FIR No. 3(02)2022 CB-PS U/s 13 PC Act & 120-B IPC is to be relieved from being the Investigating Officer of the FIR mentioned above so as to enable him to join National Investigation Agency (NIA) as Superintendent of Police, NIA.

3. As per our earlier order dated 07.01.2022 passed in Complaint Case No. 3 of 2020 with Complaint Case No. 9 of 2021, direct recruit IPS officers (non-local) of the rank not lower than Additional SP serving under the State of Manipur is to investigate the present FIR No. 3(02)2022 CB-PS U/s 13 PC Act & 120-B IPC and also for entrusting the investigation of the present case to the direct recruit IPS officers (non-local) of the rank not lower than Additional SP, we have taken into consideration of the earlier panel of names of direct recruit IPS officers (non-local) mentioned in the said letter of the Inspector General of Police (Admn) for Director General of Police, Manipur being No. E/35/23/2015-PHQ(Adm)/832 dated 20th January, 2022. Accordingly, by invoking our power and jurisdiction under Sections 20 (3) and 28 of the Manipur Lokayukta Act, 2014, we utilise the service of Shri Saujanya Singh, IPS

(2016(RR), at present Superintendent of Police, Ukhrul to investigate the present case. Shri Saujanya Singh, IPS (2016(RR), at present Superintendent of Police, Ukhrul is directed to investigate the present case by exercising all the power conferred under the Manipur Lokayukta Act, 2014 and relevant Statutes.

4. The Investigating Officer, Shri Saujanya Singh, IPS (2016(RR), at present Superintendent of Police, Ukhrul shall take necessary action to complete the investigation of the present case i.e. FIR No. 3(02)2022 CB-PS U/s 13 PC Act & 120-B IPC within the period mentioned under Section 20 of the Manipur Lokayukta Act, 2014. It is made clear that the Investigating Officer while conducting the investigation of the present case will not be under the supervision of his senior officer of his department or the station where the present case is to be registered. It is also made clear that the Investigating Officer shall conduct the investigation with full co-ordination with the Director (Inquiry), Manipur Lokayukta.

5. It may be pertinent to mention here that the utilisation of the service of officer posted at a particular posting for investigating the present case will not amount to transfer and posting inasmuch as his service is simply utilised for investigation of the present case. In other words, utilisation of service for investigation of the present case is in addition to his normal duty without disturbing his posting.

6. Deputy Registrar, Manipur Lokayukta is directed to send a copy of this order to :

- i) the Chief Secretary, Government of Manipur;
- ii) the Director General of Police, Manipur;
- iii) the Director (Inquiry), Manipur Lokayukta;
- iv) Shri Ravi Choudhari, IPS, SP, Kamjong; and

v) Shri Saujanya Singh, IPS (SP, Ukhrul).

for information and necessary prompt action and also to the parties of the present case for information.

7. Director (Inquiry), Manipur Lokayukta is to take prompt action for entrusting the present case i.e. FIR No. 3(02)2022 CB-PS U/s 13 PC Act & 120-B IPC to the Investigating Officer, Shri Saujanya Singh, IPS (SP, Ukhrul) for continuation of the investigation of the present case so as to submit the investigation report within the period as provided under section 20 (6) and 20 (7) of Manipur Lokayukta Act, 2014.

8. Await investigating report.

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MEMBER

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CHAIRPERSON