

COMPLAINT CASE NO. 2 OF 2020

11.01.2021

1. Director (Inquiry), Manipur Lokayukta filed an application dated 04.01.2021 to the Manipur Lokayukta seeking further one month's time for completion of Preliminary Inquiry as the period of 90 days provided under Section 22 (4) of the Manipur Lokayukta Act, 2014 will be completed on 05.01.2021. The reason for non-completion of the Preliminary Inquiry inter alia is that the progress of the Preliminary Inquiry is hampered due to Covid-19 Pandemic, Christmas, New Year festival and also inspection of 4 (four) work sites at Chakpikarong.

2. Preliminary Inquiry shall ordinarily be completed within a period of 90 days and for the reasons to be recorded in writing, period for completion of Preliminary Inquiry could be extended. The core question in deciding the application for extension of time for completion of the Preliminary Inquiry is as to whether or not good reasons are mentioned in the application for extension of time. We have given our application of mind as to whether the present application dated 04.01.2021 filed by the Director (Inquiry), Manipur Lokayukta has shown good reasons for extension of time for the completion of the Preliminary Inquiry. It is known to all that the Covid-19 Pandemic is in the way of smooth functioning of the inquiry by the concerned authority.

3. After consideration of the reasons for extension of time mentioned in the present application dated 04.01.2021 filed by the Director (Inquiry), Manipur Lokayukta, we are of the considered view that good reasons have been shown for extension of further time for completion of the Preliminary Inquiry. Accordingly, period for completion of Preliminary Inquiry is extended for another one and half (1 and ½) months' time w.e.f. 05.01.2021. Director (Inquiry), Manipur Lokayukta is to complete the Preliminary Inquiry within the extended period.

4. Deputy Registrar, Manipur Lokayukta is directed to furnish a copy of this order and other relevant documents to the Director (Inquiry), Manipur Lokayukta.

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

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MEMBER

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CHAIRPERSON