

COMPLAINT CASE NO. 2 OF 2021

11.02.2021

1. Perused the note dated 10.02.2021, under which Deputy Registrar, Manipur Lokayukta reported that one Shri Akoijam Sachi Singh, S/o (L) Ak. Thoiba Singh of Thoubal Wangmataba, Thoubal District, Manipur filed a complaint against 3 (three) persons/respondents namely:

- (i) M. Bimola Devi, Member Secretary, Ward Development Committee, Ward No. 2, Thoubal Wangmataba, Thoubal Municipal Council, Thoubal District, Manipur – 795138.
- (ii) H. Pradeep Kumar Singh, Executive Officer, Thoubal Municipal Council, Thoubal District, Manipur – 795138.
- (iii) Akoijam Sanatomba Singh, Chairperson of the Ward Development Committee, Ward No. 2 of the Thoubal Municipal Council, Thoubal District, Manipur – 795138.

2. The complaint bears a court fee stamp of Rs. 5 and the complainant has deposited a sum of Rs. 1000/- by way of Postal Order. The complaint has also been filed in the proper format and properly verified.

3. On perusal of the complaint, it appears that the complainant had filed the present complaint alleging that the Respondents knowingly and intentionally abused their position and obtained undue gain and misappropriated public money of Rs. 1,10,000/- (Rupees one lakh ten thousand) only so as to cause loss to the present complainant and local people of Ward No. 2, who took part in the developmental work of road maintenance (pot-hole) of Ward No. 2, Thoubal Wangmataba of the Thoubal Municipal Council.

4. The concise statement of fact basing on which the complainant made the above stated allegations are mentioned in para. nos. 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the present complaint and the documentary evidence in support of the allegations are also annexed to the complaint. On perusal of the said paras, it appears that the gist of the allegations is that one Shri Thongam Jiten, 1st Class Contractor (MANIDCO) from Thoubal Athokpam Awang Leikai, Ward No. 5 of Thoubal Municipal Council, who is a close relative of Shri Thongam Shyama Singh, Chairperson of the Thoubal Municipal Council was awarded a contract work of road maintenance (pot-hole) at Ward No. 2 of Thoubal Wangmataba Durga Mapa/Parking to Keiranbi Road (Chingkhong) for a length of 3.50 km for an estimated amount of Rs. 10,86,576/- (Rupees ten lakhs eighty six thousand five hundred and seventy six) only vide

Work Order being No. 9/WDC/W-2/TBL/MUC/F.C/2010-12 dated 18th September, 2020. The complainant along with few local volunteers of Ward No. 2 successfully implemented the labour/work of the road maintenance for a stretch of 2.10 km from Thoubal Wangmataba Durga Puja Mapa/Parking to Tangja Lambi Bridge Road out of the 3.5 km Work Order dated 18.09.2020 but the payment for the works executed were not properly paid by the concerned competent authority and part of the fund of the said contract work was misappropriated.

5. The present complaint is also supported by documentary evidences i.e. Annexure A/1 to Annexure – A/6 by which the complainant proposes to prove the said allegations.

6. On careful perusal of the complaint and also the supporting documents mentioned above, we are of the considered view that materials, for a direction to conduct Preliminary Inquiry against the Respondents to ascertain as to whether there exists a prima facie case for investigation and further proceeding, has been make out. Accordingly, we direct the Director (Inquiry), Manipur Lokayukta to conduct a Preliminary Inquiry to ascertain as to whether prima facie case has been made out in the present case for investigation and further proceeding and to submit the report within the period provided under Section 20 (2) of the Manipur Lokayukta Act, 2014 and Manipur Lokayukta Rules, 2018.

7. 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 26; Section 28 (2); Section 29; Section 32; Section 36 and other provisions of Manipur Lokayukta Act, 2014.

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

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

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MEMBER

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CHAIRPERSON