

COMPLAINT CASE NO. 2 OF 2021

14.07.2022

1. Perused the office note dated 11.07.2022, wherein it is stated that Director (Inquiry), Manipur Lokayukta vide his letter dated 11.07.2022 has submitted the Preliminary Inquiry Report dated 08.07.2022 of Complaint Case No. 2 of 2021.

2. Para 36 of the Preliminary Inquiry Report dated 08.07.2022 mentions the offences/irregularities committed by the officials/contractors of the Thoubal Municipal Council. For easy reference para 36 of the Preliminary Inquiry Report is reproduced hereunder:

“36. Offences/Irregularities of elected member, officials of Thoubal Municipal Council.

(1) Shri H. Pradeep Kumar Singh, Executive Officer, Thoubal Municipal Council.

No proper supervisory on the part of Shri H. Pradeep Kumar Singh, Executive Officer of Thoubal Municipal Council. There were lack of supervision while preparing documents relating to public/govt. money in connection with the maintenance of road at Thoubal Wangmataba Parking/Durga Puja to Keiranbi road Chingkhong prepared by M. Bimola Devi, Member Secretary, Ward Development Committee, ward no. 2, Thoubal Municipal Council violating rule 3 (2) (i) of CCS Conduct Rules, 1964 (page no.151).

(2) Smt. M. Bimola Devi, Member Secretary/Section Officer, Ward Development Committee, Ward no. 2, Thoubal Municipal Council.

On the part of M. Bimola Devi, Member Secretary, Ward Development Committee, ward no.2 of Thoubal Municipal Council, it is found that she has overlooked her official obligations as a Member Secretary which is a clean indication of misconduct by issuing two cheques to unauthorized person i.e. Ksh. Bijen Singh for a sum of Rs. 8,25,000/- only (as shown in para no. 30) and also failed to maintain integrity violating rule 3 (1) (i) of CCS Conduct Rules, 1964 (page no.150) in her official dealings in collusion with Ak. Sanatomba Singh (Councillor/Chairperson), Leitanthem Sushildro Singh (Member), Lourembam Bijen Singh (Member) and Th. Jiten Meitei (contractor) so that they can undertake the above works /projects.

(3) Shri Akoijam Sanatomba Singh of Thoubal Wangmataba, Councillor/Chairperson, Ward Development Committee of Ward no.2, Thoubal Municipal Council.

He took part directly or indirectly to execute the contract work i.e. maintenance of road (pot holes) at Thoubal Wangmataba/Durga Puja Parking to Keiranbi road Chingkhong under 14th Finance Commission 2019-20 along with L. Sushildro Singh and L. Bijen Singh (both member) of Ward Development Committee, ward no.2, Thoubal Municipal Council.

Violation of Section 59 of The Manipur Municipalities Act, 1994.

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“No Councillor of a Nagar Panchayat or of a Council shall have without the written permission of the State Government, directly or indirectly, any share or interest in any contract, lease, sale or purchase of land or any agreement for the same or any kind whatsoever to which the Nagar Panchayat or Council is a party, or shall hold any office of profit under it, and if any Councillor shall have such share or interest or shall hold such office he shall thereby become disqualified to continue in office as a Councillor” (Copy enclosed as page no.152)

On his instruction/advised M. Bimola Devi, Member Secretary, Ward Development Committee, ward no.2 of Thoubal Municipal Council issued cheques to one Ksh. Bijen Singh, Peon of Thoubal Municipal Council instead of Shri Th.Jiten Meitei, contractor for an amount of Rs. 6,00,000/- under bearing cheque no. 00000000026 on 20.10.2020 and another cheque for an amount of Rs. 2,25,000/- under bearing cheque no. 00000000029 on 21.10.2020. The above amount i.e. Rs. 8,25,000/- was withdrawn by Ksh. Bijen Singh from HDFC bank, Thoubal branch and the same amount were handed over to him (Ak. Sanatomba Singh). The complainant Ak. Sachi Singh, had received Rs. 5,20,000/- as handed over by him. Thus he involved in getting money and also distribution of amount in order to make personal gain by taking advantage of being a Councillor/Chairperson, Ward Development Committee, ward no.2 of Thoubal Municipal Council.

- (4) Shri Leitanthem Sushildro Singh and Shri Lourebam Bijen Singh, members of ward no.2 of Thoubal Municipal Council. Both are involved/took part directly or indirectly in execution of maintenance of road (pot holes) at Thoubal Wangmatataba Parking/Durga Puja to Keiranbi road Chingkhong under 14th Finance Commission for personal gain in collusion with Ak. Sanatomba (Councillor/Chairperson), M. Bimola Devi (Member Secretary) and Th. Jiten Meitei (contractor).
- (5) Th. Jiten Meitei, contractor being an authorized contractor for maintenance of road at Thoubal Wangmatataba Parking/Durga Puja to Keiranbi road Chingkhong under 14th Finance Commission has failed to act as contractor. He allowed to use his name for the said contract work from which he got a sum of Rs. 10,000/-.”

3. The persons against whom report has been submitted vide para 36 of the Preliminary Inquiry Report are made respondents in the present complaint. Accordingly, the particulars of the respondents of the present complaint are as under:

- 1) Shri H. Pradeep Kumar Singh, Executive Officer, Thoubal Municipal Council;
- 2) Smt. M. Bimola Devi, Member Secretary/Section Officer, Ward Development Committee, Ward no. 2, Thoubal Municipal Council;

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- 3) Shri Akoijam Sanatomba Singh of Thoubal Wangmataba, Councillor/Chairperson, Ward Development Committee of Ward no.2, Thoubal Municipal Council;
- 4) Shri Leitanthem Sushildro Singh, Member of ward no.2 of Thoubal Municipal Council
- 5) Shri Lourebam Bijen Singh, Member of ward no.2 of Thoubal Municipal Council; and
- 6) Shri Th. Jiten Meitei, Contractor.

4. Deputy Registrar, Manipur Lokayukta is directed to issue notice to the complainant as well as to the respondents for their appearance on 25.07.2022.

Sd/-
MEMBER

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CHAIRPERSON