<u>15.01.2021</u>

[1] Director (Inquiry), Manipur Lokayukta through his application dated 13.01.2021, prays for constituting a Technical Team for proper verification of the works alleged to have been executed by the implementing agency. The facts of the present case have already been mentioned in our order dated 02.11.2020 passed in Complaint Case No. 3 of 2020. The main allegation in the present complaint case is that the complainants have found most of the works for which the fund had been released have not been executed but on the contrary the expenditure meant for the said developmental works were released by the public servants without verifying the correctness of the executed works.

[2] Dy. S.P. attached to the Inquiry Wing, Manipur Lokayukta to whom the work for conducting preliminary investigation of the present case has been entrusted was of the opinion that a Technical Team is required for proper verification of the works alleged to have been executed by the implementing agencies.

[3] We are of the considered view that an Expert Committee/Technical Team may be required to be constituted for assisting the Inquiry Officer to ascertain as to whether the works have been properly executed or not and also as to how the measurement of the works alleged to have been executed have been entered properly in the Measurement Books (MB). Accordingly, Deputy Registrar, Manipur Lokayukta is directed to send a letter to (i) Commissioner, RD&PD (having administrative jurisdiction over DRDA), (ii) Chief Engineer (Civil), PWD, Manipur and (iii) Chief Engineer, RED, MSRRDA, Secured Office Building, 2nd MR, North AOC, Imphal requesting them to suggest a Panel of three/four Engineers, not below the rank of Executive Engineer, for assisting the Inquiry Officer in the matter mentioned above. After receiving the list of the Panel, we may select the Engineer(s) who will assist the Inquiry Officer.

[4] This order for utilising the service of the Engineers of the departments mentioned above is passed in exercise of the power conferred under Section 28 (1) of the Manipur Lokayukta Act, 2014 and for convenience, Section 28 (1) of the Act is quoted hereunder :

"28. (1) The Lokayukta may, for the purpose of conducting any preliminary inquiry or investigation, utilise the services of any officer or organisation or investigation agency of the State Government."

[5] Deputy Registrar is directed to take necessary steps immediately.

Sd/-MEMBER Sd/-CHAIRPERSON