

MISC. CASE NO. 4 OF 2021
REF. CASE NO. 3 OF 2020

15.03.2021

1. Perused the administrative note dated 15.03.2021 for placing an application of the Director (Inquiry) Manipur Lokayukta dated 15.03.2021 and also an application of the Inquiry Officer of the present case dated 15.03.2021 requesting for extension of the period of inquiry by another two months i.e. till 16.05.2021.

2. Register this application as separate misc. case.

3. We have carefully perused the applications of the Director (Inquiry), Manipur Lokayukta and that of the Inquiry Officer of the present case for extension of the period of inquiry by another two months i.e. till 16.05.2021. In the said applications, it is categorically stated that the inquiry is in good progress and for technical appraisal of the work sites and examination of the measurement books, collected in connection with the case by the technical team which was constituted vide our order dated 03.02.2021 passed in Misc. Case No. 1 of 2021 (Ref. Complaint Case No. 3 of 2020) as some technicality were involved in verifying as to whether the alleged works have been executed by the respondents through their implementing agencies in compliance with the condition and specification required in executing the work under the different work order or not, will take some time. It is also mentioned in the said applications of the Director (Inquiry) and Inquiry Officer that the inquiry involves the whole area of Tamenglong District which is a hill district situated at far flung area of the state of Manipur and for necessary inspection of the work sites situated at the far flung hill area of Tamenglong District will take some considerable time. As such, the Inquiry Officer had placed before us the difficulties in completing the preliminary inquiry within the extended period of 45 days which was granted by Manipur Lokayukta vide order dated 10.02.2021 passed in the present case.

4. Considering the difficulties faced by the Inquiry Officer for completing the preliminary inquiry of the present case, we consider it appropriate to grant further two months' time i.e. till 16.05.2021 in order not to derail the preliminary inquiry in the larger public interest.

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5. For the exceptional circumstances discussed above, we grant further two months' time i.e. till 16.05.2021 for completion of the preliminary inquiry.

6. Misc. Case is allowed and disposed of.

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MEMBER

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CHAIRPERSON