

DATE	NOTE AND ORDER
<p><u>20 .01.2020</u></p> <p>Vide letter No. 1 (COMPLT / ML /DR (INO) /2019 dated 16.01.2020 addressed to the Chairperson, Manipur Lokayukta, the Director (Inquiry) has sent a representation in which it is requested that a one month extension for submission of the report of the preliminary inquiry into the case No. 1/2019 of Manipur Lokayukta be granted even as the statutory period of 90 days for submission of the preliminary inquiry report has expired. It is stated that considerable delay has been caused by the visit of Tihar Jail, Delhi for examination of the accused and the journey to Kolkata for procurement of case related documents from M/s Indian Instruments Manufacturing Company, Kolkata.</p> <p>The matter is placed before the Lokayukta for kind perusal.</p> <p>Deputy Registrar, <i>Manipur Lokayukta, Imphal</i></p>	<p align="center"><u>COMPLAINT CASE NO. 1 OF 2019</u></p> <p><u>20.01.2020</u></p> <p>Manipur Lokayukta Act, 2014 clearly provides the time period for completion of the Preliminary Inquiry. Section 20 (2) clearly provides that Preliminary Inquiry should be completed and submitted within 60 days (Sic 90 days) from the date of receipt of the reference.</p> <p>In the present case, date of reference will be taken as 02.09.2019 on which the Manipur Lokayukta passed order for referring the present case to the Inquiry Wing for conducting Preliminary Inquiry against the opposite parties.</p> <p>The Director (Inquiry) submitted an application dated 16.01.2020 addressed to the Chairperson, Manipur Lokayukta requesting for extension of the period of the Preliminary Inquiry for further period of one month. Under Section 20 (4) of the Manipur Lokayukta Act, 2014, Manipur Lokayukta, for the reasons recorded in writing, can extend for further period of 90 days from the date of receipt of the complaint. On further perusal of the record, it appears that there is another application having the same date i.e. 16.01.2020 filed by Dy. SP (Inquiry) Manipur Lokayukta for extension of period of inquiry for the reasons mentioned therein. On clear perusal of the said applications jointly, it appears that long time has been taken in interrogating the opposite parties, one of whom is at present lodged at Tihar Jail, Delhi and also for collecting documents from other states.</p> <p>On consideration of the reasons for extension of time, we are of the considered view that, for the ends of justice, another one month's time i.e. 30 days from today is extended for completion of the Preliminary Inquiry and report.</p> <p>It is made clear that time period mentioned in any statute for any purpose should be complied with.</p> <p>Deputy Registrar is directed to communicate this order to the Director (Inquiry), Manipur Lokayukta and Dy. SP (Inquiry), Manipur Lokayukta for compliance.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Sd/- MEMBER</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Sd/- CHAIRPERSON</p> </div> </div>