**Misc. Case No. 5 of 2022**

***(Ref. : Complaint Case No. 6of 2021)***

**20.01.2022**

1. Perused the application dated 11.01.2022 filed by the Director (Inquiry), Manipur Lokayukta for extension of the period for completion of the preliminary Inquiry for the reasons mentioned therein and also application of the Inquiry Officer dated 11.01.2022 to the Director (Inquiry), Manipur Lokayukta.

2. It appears from the said applications that the collection of materials, informations and documents had been carried out and also the spot inspection of the work project in the villages of Ukhrul District by the Technical Team with Inquiry Officer had been carried out. The written comment from the competent authority as provide under Section 20 (2) of the Manipur Lokayukta Act, 2014 is yet to be obtained. As on record, it appears that the Preliminary Inquiry is about to be completed. We also have taken into consideration of our earlier order dated 16.04.2021 passed in the present case for extension of the period for completion of the preliminary inquiry and also the reasons mentioned in the present application, and are of the considered view that in the interest of justice and also for fair procedure of the preliminary inquiry, some more time is to be granted to the Inquiry Officer to complete the preliminary inquiry. Therefore, we held that further 2 (two) months’ time would be sufficient for completion of the preliminary inquiry. Accordingly, further 2 (two) months’ time w.e.f. 11.01.2022 is granted to the Inquiry Officer for completion of the preliminary inquiry.

3. Misc. case is disposed of accordingly.

Sd/- Sd/-

**Member Chairperson**