

**COMPLAINT CASE NO. 4 OF 2021**

**22.08.2022**

1. Mr. L.M. Ngamba, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the complainant submits at bar that he is filing comment on behalf of the complainant in the course of the day and will furnish a copy of it to the learned counsels appearing for the respondents.

2. Mr. Romeshchandra Yumnam, learned counsel appearing for the respondent no. 1 files comment to the Preliminary Inquiry report on behalf of respondent no. 1. Mr. Th. Mahira Singh, learned counsel appearing for the respondent no. 2 files comment to the Preliminary Inquiry report on behalf of respondent no. 2. Mr. Y. Nirmolchand Singh, Senior Advocate assisted by Mr. U. Augusta Singh, learned counsel appearing for the respondent no. 3 also files comment on behalf of respondent no. 3.

3. Mr. O. Kiranjit Singh, Advocate who entered appearance on behalf of respondent no. 4 prays for a week's time for filing comment on behalf of respondent no. 4. Prayer is allowed.

4. Mr. R.K. Kulajit, learned counsel appearing for respondent no. 5 submitted that he had filed an application dated 12.08.2022 praying for dispensing the physical presence of respondent no. 5 before Manipur Lokayukta coupled with a prayer for allowing the respondent no. 5 to file his written comment/statement after three months on medical grounds. The said application is supported by a medical certificate stating that respondent no. 5 is presently having treatment at Apollo Clinic, GS Road, Guwahati, Assam after emergency surgery on 06.07.2022 for removal of Cyst along with retrieval of the foreign material i.e. enucleation of the cyst along with removal of 22 and foreign material. Mr. R.K. Kulajit, learned counsel for the respondent no. 5, by referring to the said medical certificate submits that the consulting Doctor has advised respondent no. 5 to take rest for 2/3 months from 04.07.2022 on that day respondent no. 5 had the surgery for removal of Cyst. Learned counsel further submits that respondent no. 5 is at present staying at Guwahati for his regular check-up.

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5. In this circumstance, Mr. R.K. Kulajit, learned counsel appearing for respondent no. 5 is directed to get information as to when respondent no. 5 is coming back to Imphal so as to enable him to file his comment to the Preliminary Inquiry Report. In this situation, we are not pressuring the respondent no. 5 to file his comment but delay in filing his comment certainly will cause delay in quick disposal of this present complaint case thereby resulting in great inconvenience not only to other respondents but also to Manipur Lokayukta. The Manipur Lokayukta Act, 2014 prescribes the period for completing certain stages of the complaint. Therefore, taking into consideration of the circumstances and also the provision of Manipur Lokayukta Act, 2014, we are of the considered view that at least 20 days' time will be granted for filing comment to the Preliminary Inquiry Report on behalf of the respondent no. 5. Accordingly, 20 days' time is granted to all the respondents to file their written comments, if any, to the Preliminary Inquiry Report.

6. List this case on 14.09.2022 for filing of comments for respondent nos. 4 and 5 and also for further proceeding.

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**MEMBER**

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**CHAIRPERSON**