

24.12.2021

1. Perused the administrative note dated 21.12.2021, wherein it is reported that Director (Inquiry), Manipur Lokayukta under his letter dated 21.12.2021 has requested for extension of the period for completion of investigation by another 6 (six) months. The said letter is also accompanied with a letter of the investigating Officer dated 21.12.2021 with a request for extension of the period of investigation for another 6 (six) months for completion of the investigation w.e.f. 28.12.2021.
2. Register this application as separate misc. case.
3. After consideration of the said letter of the Director (Inquiry), Manipur Lokayukta and investigating officer, we passed an order dated 22.12.2021 that the investigating officer was to appear in person before Lokayukta on 24.12.2021 to explain the reason and difficulties for non-completion of the investigation within the extended period. Accordingly, in compliance of our order 22.12.2021, investigating officer appeared in person before us on 24.12.2021. We heard the submission made by the investigating officer explaining the reasons and difficulties for non-completion of the investigation within the extended period. One of the reasons for the delay in completion of the investigation was that in spite of sending message dated 20.04.2021 to the Dy. Commissioner of Police, Central Kolkata, West Bengal to inform one Debasis Maiti, Sales Manager of M/S Indian Instrument Manufacturing Company, Kolkata, West Bengal to appear before the I.O. on 30.04.2021 in connection with the present case and further investigation, the individual failed to appear. Again on 13.07.2021, similar message was sent to Commissioner of Police, Central Kolkata, West Bengal to inform Debasis Maiti, Sales Manager of M/s Indian Instrument Manufacturing Company, Kolkata, West Bengal to appear before the IO on 29.07.2021 in connection with the present case, the individual again failed to appear. Ultimately, Debasis Maiti, Sales Manager of M/s Indian Instrument Manufacturing Company, Kolkata, West Bengal appeared before the IO on 07.10.2021 and was examined and the HPLC machine, located at JNIMS, Imphal, was inspected along with him. He was instructed to produce all the documents related to the procurement of the Machine which was at their office at Kolkata. Because of such time consuming process, the investigation could not be completed within the extended time period and as such, the investigating officer prays for extension of period for investigation for another 6 (six) months w.e.f. 28.12.2021.
4. On further perusal of the record of investigation, it appears that many of the witnesses which are to be examined are from outside the state of Manipur and as such there was difficulty in examining the witnesses within a short span of time.

5. For the foregoing reasons, we are of the considered view that the investigation of the present case is required to be extended by another 6 (six) months w.e.f. 28.12.2021. Accordingly, investigating officer is directed to complete the investigation within a period of 6 (six) months w.e.f. 28.12.2021.

6. Deputy Registrar, Manipur Lokayukta is directed to furnish a copy of the order to the Director (Inquiry), Manipur Lokayukta and the Investigating officer for compliance.

7. Misc. case is allowed and disposed of.

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CHAIRPERSON