<u>25.09.2020</u>

[1] We have perused the official note dated 21.09.2020 wherein and whereunder Deputy Registrar, Manipur Lokayukta has submitted a report that Mr. Corneleus by filing an application dated 11.09.2020 had requested for furnishing copies of the FIR registered in connection with the present case and also the action taken report submitted by the Works Department, Government of Manipur in compliance with para No. 13 of the Judgement and Order dated 22.07.2020.

We have given our anxious consideration to the prayer [2] sought for by the complainant in the said application dated 11.09.2020. Section 154 of Cr.P.C. deals with information in cognizable case. Sub-section (2) of Section 154 of the CR.P.C. clearly provides that a copy of the information recorded in Sub-Section (1) shall be given forthwith to the informer. In the present case, in compliance with our judgment and order dated 22.07.2020, the Superintendent of Police, Vigilance & Anti-Corruption Department, Manipur had submitted a report dated 14.09.2020 to the Deputy Registrar, Manipur Lokayukta that an FIR being No. 8(9)2020-V&AC PS u/s 420/120 B IPC & 13(2) r/w 13(1)(c)(d) of PC Act, 1988 has been registered on 09.09.2020 at V&AC P.S. with Shri S. Hemanta Singh, Addl. SP/V&AC P.S. as Investigating Officer in compliance with our judgment and order dated 22.07.2020 and 14.08.2020 passed in the present case.

[3] As provided under Section 154(2) of Cr.P.C., a copy of the said FIR shall be furnished to Mr. Ch. Corneleus, the present complainant.

The Works Department, Government of Manipur under the [4] letter of Joint Secretary (Works), Govt. of Manipur being No. Lokayukta Case/2/2019-W dated 21.08.2020 had informed the Deputy Registrar, Manipur Lokayukta that the required action taken report, specially mentioned on para No. 13 of the said Judgement and order dated 22.07.2020 of the Manipur Lokayukta, has been received from the Chief Engineer, PWD, Manipur and also in compliance of the Judgment and Order of the Lokayukta transfer and posting had already been issued. Since the transfer and posting and allocation of works had already been issued by the PWD, Government of Manipur, the complainant could have a copy of the order from the Works Department, Government of Manipur. For transparency in the proceeding of the present case, Lokayukta is now informing Mr. Ch. Corneleus, the complainant as regard the action taken up by the Works Department, Government of Manipur. Since the proceeding before the Lokayukta shall be deemed to be a judicial proceeding within the meaning of Section 193 of IPC, it may not be convenient and proper on the part of the Lokayukta to furnish all the part of ongoing proceedings of the present complaint to the complainant.

