

**MISC. CASE NO. 3 OF 2022**  
*Reference : Complaint Case No. 1 of 2019*

27.06.2022

[1] Perused the office note dated 22.06.2022 and also the letter of the Director (Inquiry), Manipur Lokayukta and the letter of the investigating officer, Shri S. Hemanta Singh, MPS dated 21.06.2022 to the Manipur Lokayukta.

[2] Register this letter as separate misc. case.

[3] Through his letter, the investigating officer has requested for extension of the period of investigation of the case by another 6 (six) months w.e.f. 28.06.2022. The reasons for extension of 6 (six) months for completion of the investigation are mentioned in the said letter of the investigating officer dated 21.06.2022 to the Manipur Lokayukta. For easy reference, some of the reasons for extension of the period for completion of the investigation mentioned in the said letter dated 21.06.2022 of the investigating officer is quoted hereunder:

“That, on 20-04-2021 a message was sent to 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 IO on 30-04-2021 in c/w the case. The individual failed to appear.

It was requested to extend the period of investigation of the case by 6(six) months as the investigation is completing 6(six) months on 28-06-2021 and accordingly Manipur Lokayukta extend the period of completion of the investigation by 6 months w.e.f. 28.06.2021.

That, again on 13-07-2021 a 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 c/w the case. Again the individual failed to appear.

That, on 11-08-2021, received a letter from Debasis Maiti of M/S Indian Instrument Manufacturing Company dated 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2021 requesting to allow exemption of his personal appearance till the time Covid-19 situation improves in Manipur. The letter was enclosed with an order dated 16-07-2021 of Home Department, Govt. of Manipur, declaring Curfew in the entire State for ten days w.e.f. 18-07-2021 to 27-07-2021.

Debasis Maiti, Sales Manager of M/S Indian Instrument Manufacturing Company, Kolkata, West Bengal appeared before the IO on 07-10-2021. He was examined and inspected the HPLC machine 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.

The documents related to the procurement of the HPLC machine which are at Kolkata are yet to seized and as such the investigation could not be completed within the extension period of 6(six) months which is on 28-12-2021.

It was requested to extend the period of investigation of the case by 6(six) months as the investigation is completing 6(six) months on 28-12-2021 and accordingly Manipur Lokayukta extend the period of completion of the investigation by 6 months w.e.f. 28-12-2021.

On 30-05-2022, a team of Vigilance and Anti-corruption PS, Manipur, visited Indian Instrument Manufacturing Company, Kolkata, West Bengal and seized the documents related to the procurement of the HPLC machine. There are certain doubts and facts which needs to be ascertained from the seized documents while comparing with previous seized documents and as such the investigation could not be completed within the extension period of 6(six) months which is on 28-06-2022."

[4] As the request for extension of 6 (six) months w.e.f. 28.06.2022 had been made after passing the earlier order for extension of the period for investigation, the investigating officer was asked to appear in the person before us for satisfying us the reason for extending the period of completion of the investigation by another 6 (six) months w.e.f. 28.06.2022 and the investigating officer has apprised us that the investigation of the present case is almost completed and at the stage of submission of the investigating report. We consider that in the fairness of investigation and administration of justice, another 6 (six) months w.e.f. 28.06.2022 may be extended with a rider that this would be the last and final order for extension of the period for completion of the investigation.

[5] With the above rider, another 6 (six) months w.e.f. 28.06.2022 for completion of the investigation of the present case is extended.

[6] Deputy Registrar, Manipur Lokayukta is directed to furnish a copy of this order to (i) the Director (Inquiry), Manipur Lokayukta and (ii) the investigation officer, Shri S. Hemanta Singh, MPS.

[7] Misc. case is disposed of accordingly.

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MEMBER

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CHAIRPERSON