

**MISC. CASE NO. 1 OF 2021**

Ref.: Complaint Case No. 1 of 2020

FIR No. 1(4)2021 CB-PS

**27.09.2021**

1. Register this application as separate misc. case.

2. Investigating officer under her application dated 25.09.2021 prays for extension of the period for completion of investigation by another 6 months. The said application dated 25.09.2021 of the investigating officer was forwarded by the Director (Inquiry) under his letter dated 25.09.2021 to the Hon'ble Chairperson, Manipur Lokayukta. In said letter, the investigation officer mentioned that the examination of persons acquainted with the facts and circumstances of the case including all 18 (eighteen) Councillors of Thoubal Municipal Council, 34 (thirty four) Ward Members, staff of officers of TMC were delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the restriction/curfews imposed by the State of Government. For convenience, the relevant portion of the said application of the investigating officer dated 25.09.2021 is reproduced here as under:-

"That, the collector of new documents from concerned authorities and further correspondences took a considerable amount of time as new relevant documents came into light during the course of investigation. The examinations of persons acquainted with the facts and circumstances of the case including all 18 (eighteen) Councillors of Thoubal Municipal Council, 34 (thirty four) Ward Members, staffs and officers of TMC and tender bidders from the states of Assam and West Bengal for the said supply which is in question in this FIR were considerably affected and delayed due to the COVID 19 pandemic and the restrictions life curfews imposed by the state government vide the following Government orders:-

Sl. No.	Date of Order	Order No.
1.	12 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	No. 9/6(1)/ 2020-H(pt) order by the Governor of Manipur
2.	15 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	No. 9/6(1)/2020 -H (pt) order by the Governor of Manipur
3.	18 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	No. 9/6(1)/2020 -H (pt) order by the Governor of Manipur
4.	18 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	No. H-1601/6/2020-HD Order by the Chairman, State Executive Committee, State Disaster Management Authority, Govt. of Manipur
5.	21 <sup>st</sup> April 2021	No. 9/6(1)/2020 -H (pt) order by the Governor of Manipur
6.	29 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	No. H-1601/6/2020-HD Order by the Chairman, State Executive Committee, State Disaster Management Authority, Govt. of Manipur notifying the whole of Greater Imphal as containment zone suspending all activities and movement of persons except permitted activities listed in the order.
7.	4 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	No. H-1601/6/2020-HD Order by the Chairman, State Executive Committee, State Disaster Management Authority, Govt. of Manipur.
8.	7 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	No. H-1601/6/2020-HD Order by the Chairman, State Executive Committee, State Disaster Management Authority, Govt. of Manipur imposing "curfew" in 7 districts including Imphal West and Thoubal.

9.	17 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	No. H-1601/6/2020-HD Order by the Chairman, State Executive Committee, State Disaster Management Authority, Govt. of Manipur extending "curfew" from 18/05/2021 to 28/05/2021 in 7 districts including Imphal West and Thoubal.
10.	28 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	No. H-1601/6/2020-HD Order by the Chairman, State Executive Committee, State Disaster Management Authority, Govt. of Manipur extending "curfew" in 7 districts including Imphal West and Thoubal from 29/05/2021 till 11/06/2021.
11.	11 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	No. H-1601/6/2020-HD Order by the Chairman, State Executive Committee, State Disaster Management Authority, Govt. of Manipur extending "curfew" in 7 districts including Imphal West and Thoubal till 30/06/2021.

That during the pendency of the investigation of the case, I was engaged as the Presenting Officer of 2 (two) Departmental Enquiry cases initiated against officers of the rank of Inspector of Manipur Police vide DGP Manipur Order No. E/43/4/2020- PHQ(Adm)/388 dated 12/01/2021."

3. On considering the chaotic atmosphere in the society because of covid-19 pandemic and also the other circumstances leading to the difficulties of conducting smooth investigation, we are of the considered view that the period for completing the investigation is required to be extended by another 6 months w.e.f. 27.09.2021. Accordingly, a further 6 month period is granted for completion of the investigation. The investigating officer should complete the investigation without further delay.
4. Deputy Registrar is directed to communicate this order to the Director Inquiry and Investigating officer for compliance.

Sd/-  
**MEMBER**

Sd/-  
**CHAIRPERSON**