## <u>29.10.2021</u>

1. By our order dated 11.10.2021, we have directed the Inquiry Officer of Complaint Case No. 3 of 2020 to submit a report as to whether the Preliminary Inquiry Report dated 21.06.2021 submitted in connection with Complaint Case No. 3 of 2020 could also be treated as Preliminary Inquiry Report of the present case i.e. Complaint Case No. 9 of 2021. It appears that the allegations and assertion made in the present case is exactly similar with that of the Complaint Case No. 3 of 2020, but the only difference is the complainant.

2. In pursuance of our order dated 11.10.2021, passed in the present case, Director (Inquiry), Manipur Lokayukta has submitted a report dated 21.10.2021 stating that the allegations and assertions made in Complaint Case No. 9 of 2021 are similar to those of Complaint Case No. 3 of 2020, as such the earlier Preliminary Inquiry Report dated 21.06.2021 submitted in Complaint Case No. 3 of 2020 may also be treated as Preliminary Inquiry Report of the present case i.e. Complaint Case No. 9 of 2021.

3. We have given our anxious consideration to the allegations and assertions in the complaint of Complaint Case No. 3 of 2020 and also those of in the present case and also the earlier Preliminary Inquiry Report dated 21.06.2021 submitted in Complaint Case No. 3 of 2020 and we are of the considered view that the earlier Preliminary Inquiry Report dated 21.06.2021 shall also be treated as the Preliminary Inquiry Report of the present case inasmuch as we are not allowing to conduct a new inquiry for the same subject matter. As such, the Respondents of the present case i.e. Complaint Case No. 9 of 2021.

4. Since the respondents of the present case are similar to those of Complaint Case No. 3 of 2020 and they are represented by their respective counsels, serving of fresh notice to the respondents of the present case is not required in the peculiar facts and circumstances. The earlier learned counsels appearing for the respondents in Complaint Case No. 3 of 2020, which is also fixed today for hearing, entered appearance for the respondents in the present case.

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5. The Respondents are directed to file their comment, if any, to the Preliminary Inquiry Report of the Complaint Case No. 3 of 2020 which is also treated as the Preliminary Inquiry Report of the present case.

6. Deputy Registrar, Manipur Lokayukta is directed to furnish a copy the Preliminary Inquiry Report of Complaint Case No. 3 of 2020 to the complainant of the present case. He is further directed to furnish a copy of this complaint and supporting documents to the learned counsels appearing for the respondents so that they may have a complete idea of the allegations and assertions made in the present case.

7. List this case on **10.11.2021** for filing of comment, if any.

MEMBER	CHAIRPERSON
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