

MISC. CASE NO. 2 OF 2022
REF.: COMPLAINT CASE NO. 1 OF 2022

26.10.2022

1. Perused the office note dated 26.10.2022, wherein it is reported that Director (Inquiry), Manipur Lokayukta under his letter dated 21.10.2022 has requested Manipur Lokayukta for consideration for extension of one month's time for completion of the preliminary inquiry i.e. up to 26.11.2022 as requested by the Inquiry Officer. The said letter of the Director (Inquiry), Manipur Lokayukta is also accompanied with an application of the Inquiry Officer dated 19.10.2022 addressed to the Director (Inquiry), Manipur Lokayukta.

2. We have also perused the said letter of the Inquiry Officer dated 19.10.2022 and on such perusal it is clear that the preliminary inquiry is almost completed. Further, as provided under section 20 (2) of the Manipur Lokayukta Act, 2014, the Inquiry Officer on the basis of the material, information and documents collected in the course of the preliminary inquiry has to seek comments on the allegations made in the complaint from the public servants and competent authority and after obtaining the comment of the concerned public servants and competent authority, the Inquiry Officer has to submit the Preliminary Inquiry Report to the Manipur Lokayukta. The present stage of the preliminary inquiry is now at the stage of obtaining comments from the competent authority and concerned public officers. Furthermore, in the said application of the Inquiry Officer dated 19.10.2022, it is stated that the Inquiry Officer has already sought the comments from the competent authority and the public servants concerned and is now awaiting comments. In the above factual backdrop, Director (Inquiry), Manipur Lokayukta and Inquiry Officer had requested the Manipur Lokayukta for extension of the period of completion of the preliminary inquiry by another one month i.e. w.e.f. 26.10.2022 up to 26.11.2022.

3. We have carefully considered the said applications for extension of time, in the above factual backdrop, and are of the considered view that there is good reason for extension of the time for completion of the preliminary inquiry up to 26.11.2022 and accordingly, the period of completion of the preliminary inquiry is extended w.e.f. 26.10.2022 up to 26.11.2022.

4. Deputy Registrar, Manipur Lokayukta is directed to furnish a copy of this order to the Director (Inquiry), Manipur Lokayukta and also to the Inquiry Officer.

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MEMBER

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CHAIRPERSON