

MISC. CASE NO. 3 OF 2022
REF.: COMPLAINT CASE NO. 1 OF 2022

28.11.2022

1. Perused the office note dated 24.11.2022, wherein it is reported that Director (Inquiry), Manipur Lokayukta under his letter dated 23.11.2022 has requested Manipur Lokayukta for consideration for extension of the time for completion of the preliminary inquiry up to 31.12.2022 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 23.11.2022 addressed to the Director (Inquiry), Manipur Lokayukta.

2. Register this as separate misc. case.

3. We have also perused the said letter of the Inquiry Officer dated 23.11.2022 and on such perusal it is clear that the preliminary inquiry is almost completed. Further, it is stated, in the said letter, that the process of obtaining comments from competent authority u/s 20 (2) of the Manipur Lokayukta Act, 2014 has been initiated on 13.10.2022. As a result, the office of the Hon'ble Minister-in-charge of the public servants was requested to submit their comments within 14 (fourteen) days of the receipt of the letters. In addition to this, a Reminder has also been dispatched. The written comments are yet to be obtained. Moreover, new certified documents/ evidences regarding the pendency of civil suit case one of them being Original Suit (O.S.) No. 24 of 2014/2 of 2015 in the court of Hon'ble Civil judge (Junior Div), Tamenglong have to be obtained from the District Courts in Tamenglong as it has been shifted to the district headquarters from Lamphelpat recently which can only be done after physically visiting the premises in office hours. So, the inquiry cannot be completed by 26.11.2022.

4. 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 31.12.2022 and accordingly, the period of completion of the preliminary inquiry is hereby extended up to 31.12.2022.

5. 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