

MISC. CASE NO. 2 OF 2023

Reference : C.C. No. 3 of 2020

02.02.2023

1. Perused office note dated 02.2.2023 and also the application of the Director (Inquiry) Manipur Lokayukta being No.1/ML/DIR(INQ)/2022 dated 01.2.2023 and also the application dated 01.02.2023 of the Inquiry Officer being FIR No. 3(2)2022 CB-PS u/s 13 PC Act & 120B/34 IPC for an extension of further 6 (six) months for the completion of the investigation of the said FIR.

2. Register this application filed by the Director (Inquiry) dated 01.2.2023 as a separate misc. case.

3. On perusal of the said record, it is clear that an Investigating Officer of the present Case No. 3 of 2020 had been changed many times as a result, the progress of the investigation has slowed down. Initially, the investigation of the present case was entrusted to one IPS Officer Ravi Choudhari who has now been deputed as Superintendent of Police in National Investigation Agency (NIA) and has been relieved by the state Government to enable him to join NIA as a Superintendent Police.

4. After, I.O. Ravi Choudhari, IPS was relieved the present FIR and investigation of the FIR was entrusted to one Shri P. Saujanya Singh IPS Officer. Again Shri Saujanya Singh had to be relieved as he was released by Government of Manipur on deputation. Thereafter Shri Rahul Gupta, IPS officer was appointed to be I.O. in place of Shri Saujanya Singh. The newly appointed I.O., Shri Rahul Gupta has now submitted the said application for extension of further period of 6 (six) months for completion of the investigation because of the unavoidable circumstances which he also appraised in person.

5. After seeing the records and also the unavoidable circumstances explained by him, we are of the considered view that further extension of 6 (six) months w.e.f. 02.02.2023 would be sufficient for completion of the investigation. Accordingly, 6(six) months extension is granted w.e.f. 02.02.2023.

6. Deputy Registrar, Manipur Lokayukta is directed to furnish a copy of this order to (i) the Director (Inquiry), Manipur Lokayukta and (ii) the Investigating Officer, Shri Rahul Gupta, IPS

7. Misc. case is disposed of accordingly.

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MEMBER

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CHAIRPERSON