

MISC. CASE NO. 1 OF 2022

Reference : C.C. No. 3 of 2020 with C.C. No. 9 of 2021

05.08.2022

[1] Perused the letter of the Director (Inquiry), Manipur Lokayukta dated 02.08.2022 to the Manipur Lokayukta and also the letter of the Investigating Officer dated 02.08.2022. By the said letters of the Director (Inquiry), Manipur Lokayukta and the Investigating Officer, they are requesting for extension of the period for completion of the investigation of the Complaint Case No. 3 of 2020 by another 6 (six) months w.e.f. 02.08.2022.

[2] Register this letter as separate misc. case.

[3] By the order of the Manipur Lokayukta dated 02.02.2022 passed in Complaint Case No. 3 of 2020 and Complaint Case No. 9 of 2021, it has been order that the Director General of Police, Manipur shall ensure the registration of the case at the Crime Branch Police Station, Imphal by taking the Preliminary Inquiry Report as an Ejahar for the purpose of registration of the case and Shri Ravi Choudhari, IPS (SP Kamjong) shall conduct the investigation and complete the investigation within 6 (six) months from the date of registration fo the case at the Crime Branch, Police Station, Imphal. In pursuance of our order dated 02.02.2022, an FIR being No. 3 (02)2022 CB-PS U/s 13 PC Act & 120-B IPC was registered and Shri Ravi Choudhari, IPS (SP Kamjong) started investigation of the case. While the investigation is going on Shri Ravi Choudhari, IPS (SP Kamjong) was sent on deputation to National Investigation Agency (NIA) as Superintendent of Police vide our order dated 06.06.2022 and also under the same order is has been ordered that Shri Saujanya Singh, IPS (2016(RR)) shall investigate the case i.e. FIR being No. 3 (02)2022 CB-PS U/s 13 PC Act & 120-B IPC.

[4] Shri Saujanya Singh, IPS (2016(RR)), started conducting the investigation of the present case only from 06.06.2022. Because of the change of the investigating officer of the present case, there was some delay in the investigation of the case by Shri Saujanya Singh, IPS (2016(RR)) who took over the charge for investigation of the case only after our order dated 06.06.2022 and as such the present investigating officer has some difficulty to complete the investigation within the period of 6 (six) months as provided under Section 20 (5) of the Manipur Lokayukta Act, 2014 due to some unavoidable circumstances. Considering the difficulties face by the new investigating officer in the above context, we are of the considered view that it would be proper in the fairness of investigation to extend another 6 (six) months w.e.f. 02.08.2022 to complete the investigation of the present case; and we accept that the investigating officer, Shri Saujanya Singh, IPS (2016(RR)) shall make endeavour to complete the investigation of the present case within the extended period of 6 (six) months.

[5] Deputy Registrar, Manipur Lokayukta is directed to furnish a copy of this order to (i) the Director (Inquiry), Manipur Lokayukta and (ii) the investigation officer, Shri Saujanya Singh, IPS (2016(RR)).

[6] Misc. case is disposed of accordingly.

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MEMBER

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CHAIRPERSON