**MIsc. Case No. 4 of 2023**

*Ref.: Complaint Case No. 1 of 2022*

12.01.2023

1. Perused the office note dated 11.01.2023, wherein it is reported that Director (Inquiry), Manipur Lokayukta under his letter dated 10.01.2023 has requested Manipur Lokayukta for extension of the time period of the preliminary inquiry for another 1 (one) month on the basis of the letter dated 10.01.2023 of the Inquiry Officer, Shri P. Shanker Singh, MPS.

2. We have perused the case record of the present case as well as the said two letters of the Director (Inquiry), Manipur Lokayukta and the Inquiry Officer. The Inquiry Officer under his letter dated 10.01.2023 has stated that the process of obtaining comments from competent authority under the Manipur Lokayukta Act, 2014 has been completed. It is stated that, during the period of preliminary inquiry, the Inquiry Officer has visited Tamenglong District HQrs to collect Extract copies of the related court cases. Further, the Inquiry Officer has been transferred and posted to 2nd MR and later on he was requisitioned as the Guard of Honour Commander of the Hon’ble Home Minister, who recently visited Manipur. And, thus due to such engagements of the Inquiry Officer, he was unable to completed the inquiry report during the stipulated time provided under Manipur Lokayukta Act, 2014. In addition to that seizure and collection of documents related to the new inquiry case no. 6 of 2022 of Lokayukta (MSPDCL – Swabhagya Case) was carried out by the Inquiry Officer. Hence, the request for extension of the period of inquiry by another 1 (one) month.

3. In the peculiar circumstances stated above, we are of the considered view that a further period of one and half month (45 days) is required to be extended w.e.f. 01.01.2023 for completion of the preliminary inquiry, and accordingly a period of one and half month (45 days) w.e.f. 01.01.2023 is extended.

4. Registry is directed to furnish a copy of this order to (i) the Director (Inquiry), Manipur Lokayukta, and (ii) the Inquiry Officer of the present complaint case.

 Sd/- Sd/-

**Member Chairperson**