

COMPLAINT CASE NO. 1 OF 2022

01.12.2023

[1] With due respect to the direction made by Hon'ble High Court of Manipur vide its order dated 27.11.2023 passed in W.P.(C) No. 671 of 2023 with MC(WP(C)) No. 270 of 2023 on the proceeding of the present complaint, further proceeding of the present complaint case is deferred for a considerable length of time. However, there is a statutory period under which the proceeding of Complaint case before Manipur Lokayukta is to be completed inasmuch as sufficient reasons are to be provided for not concluding the proceeding of the present complaint case within the stipulated period provided under Manipur Lokayukta Act, 2014.

[2] On bare perusal of the High Court of Manipur's order dated 27.11.2023 passed in W.P.(C) No. 671 of 2023 with MC(WP(C)) No. 270 of 2023, it appears that there are some defects noticed by the Registry of the High Court of Manipur during the filing of rejoinder affidavit dated 21.11.2023 filed by the petitioner of W.P.(C) No. 671 of 2023 with MC(WP(C)) No. 270 of 2023 for which some time has been given to rectify the defects. It further appears that lame excuse for correcting the defect in filing the rejoinder affidavit by the writ petitioner cannot be the ground for adjourning the hearing of the writ petition i.e. W.P.(C) No. 671 of 2023. It is pertinent to mention that matter relating with Manipur Lokayukta is not a normal matter and most of the complaint cases will fall under economic offense category. Acknowledging that the highest constitutional/judiciary institute in the state of Manipur is the High Court of Manipur, we have considered our paramount responsibility to discharge our duty to complete the present complaint case before us within the stipulated period provided under Manipur Lokayukta Act, 2014 and also keeping in view of the direction of the Hon'ble High Court in the present case in juxtaposition, we only hope and trust that our dilemma in discharging our duty of proceeding with the present complaint within the stipulated period which is at the stage of deciding as to whether there may be case for investigation or not, may be taken into consideration by the Hon'ble High Court in the next date of hearing.

[3] We, with due respect to the order dated 27.11.2023 of the Hon'ble High Court of Manipur passed in W.P.(C) No. 671 of 2023 with MC(WP(C)) No. 270 of 2023, are not making any comment.

[4] List this case for further proceeding on 08.12.2023.

Sd/-
MEMBER

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CHAIRPERSON