

COMPLAINT CASE NO. 1 OF 2021
WITH
COMPLAINT CASE NO. 4 OF 2020
AND
COMPLAINT CASE NO. 5 OF 2020

05.06.2023

1. Complainants appear in person and also heard the learned counsels appearing for the respondents.

2. We take the judicial notice of the peculiar law and order problem of the State of Manipur; and because of the peculiar law and order problem, there may be difficulty in the smooth functioning of the concerned Administrative Department (TA & Hills), Government of Manipur of the State of Manipur from whom we seek the comment vide our order dated 27.03.2023 and 15.05.2023 passed in the present complaint case. As a result, we are not getting any reply/comment from the concerned Administrative Department.

3. Because of the non-submission of the necessary reply/comment from the concerned Administrative Department of the Government of Manipur, the complainant has to appear before Manipur Lokayukta time and again, appearing before Manipur Lokayukta will not only cause inconvenience but also incurred lot of expenditure.

4. The present stage of the complaint is at the stage as provided under Section 20 (3) of the Manipur Lokayukta Act, 2014. After submitting the Preliminary Inquiry Report, we have given ample opportunity to the complainant as well as to the respondents to submit their comment to the Preliminary Inquiry Report, in other words, the parties had already submitted whatever they want to submit before Manipur Lokayukta in connection with the Preliminary Inquiry Report. Over and above, there are number of hearing of the present complaint for taking decision as provided under Section 20 (3) of the Manipur Lokayukta Act, 2014. As the party had already submitted before Manipur Lokayukta and also sufficient hearing has been given to them, it would not be proper to ask the complainant to appear before Manipur Lokayukta time and again only because the concerned Administrative Department has failed to submit their comment/reply asked for by the Manipur Lokayukta vide order dated 27.03.2023 and 15.05.2023. Therefore, the parties may not be required to appear before Manipur Lokayukta time and again.

5. It is made clear that if there be any reply/comment from the side of the concerned Administrative Department from whom we asked comment vide our order dated 27.03.2023 and 15.05.2023 against any of the parties, we will give opportunity to submit their comment.

6. In the above fact and circumstances, we give a last chance to the concerned Administrative Department (TA & Hills), Government of Manipur to submit their comment asked for by Manipur Lokayukta vide its order dated 27.03.2023 and 15.05.2023 within 2 (two) weeks from the date of receipt of this order. It is also made clear that if they fail to submit their comment/reply within the period mentioned above, we may pass necessary order.

7. Fix this case on 21.06.2023 for submission of the comment/reply. Registry is directed to send a reminder to the concerned officer of the concerned Administrative Department (TA & Hills), Government of Manipur to send their comment/reply to the queries or clarification asked for by the Manipur Lokayukta vide our orders dated 27.03.2023 and 15.05.2023.

8. It is made clear that the party may not be required to appear before Manipur Lokayukta on the next date. As stated above, if there be no comment/reply from the side of the concerned officer of the Administrative Department (TA & Hills), Government of Manipur within the period mentioned above, we may pass necessary order.

9. Registry is directed to furnish a copy of this order to the party as well as to the concerned officer of the Administrative Department (TA & Hills), Government of Manipur.

MEMBER

CHAIRPERSON