

**MISC. CASE NO. 3 OF 2023**  
*Ref.: Complaint Case No. 4 of 2022*

05.07.2023

1. Register this as separate Misc. Case.
2. Perused the office note dated 30.03.2023 wherein it is stated that Director (Inquiry), Manipur Lokayukta under his letter/application being No. 4(COMPLT)/ML/DIR(INQ)/2022 dated 03.07.2023 to the Manipur Lokayukta has requested for extension of the time for another 90 days for submission of the Preliminary Inquiry Report.
3. The said letter of the Director (Inquiry), Manipur Lokayukta dated 03.07.2023 is accompanied with a letter dated 03.07.2023 of the Inquiry Officer of the present case, Shri. L. Shantikumar Singh, Dy. SP Manipur Lokayukta, who has requested for extension of the time period for another 90 days for completion of preliminary inquiry. The grounds/reasons among others for extension of the period of completion of Preliminary Inquiry mentioned in the said letter of the Inquiry Officer dated 03.07.2023 are :

“That, the inquiry of the case was extended for the period of 90 days w.e.f. 05.04.2023 to 05.07.2023 by Manipur Lokayukta order no. Dated; 30.03.2023 Misc case no. 2 of 2023 Refer complaint case no. 4 of 2022, however from the date of his joining to Manipur Lokayukta could not be able to complete within the stipulated time due to uncertain present prevailing situation in Manipur since early part of May 2023 may hampered ascertaining the old official files, documents, records use during the past 20 years are being requisitioned from the Director of Settlement & Land Records, Manipur and the Deputy Commissioner, Imphal West for examination were not furnished till date, as the concerned staffs were not working properly moreover during the course of inquiry examination officials, recording their statements, collection of materials, information and some retired of the then settlement officials have not been able to access their whereabouts for reviewing and recording their statements into the present inquiry of the case.  
It is, therefore, requested to kindly extend the period of inquiry for another 90 days as prayed by the inquiry officer.”
4. In the peculiar circumstances stated above, we are of the considered view that a further period of 90 days is required to be extended w.e.f. 06.07.2023 for completion of the preliminary inquiry, and accordingly a period of 90 days from 06.07.2023 is extended.
5. 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.
6. Misc. Case is disposed of.

Sd/-  
**MEMBER**

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**CHAIRPERSON**