

MISC. CASE NO. 3 OF 2023

*Ref.: Complaint Case No. 3 of 2020 & Complaint Case No. 9 of 2021
(FIR No. 3(2)2022 CB-PS u/s 13 PC Act & 120-B/34 IPC)*

08.08.2023

1. Perused the office note dated 08.08.2023 wherein it is reported that Director (Inquiry), Manipur Lokayukta under his letter being No. 6/ML/DIR (INQ)/2022 dated 31.07.2023 to the Chairperson, Manipur Lokayukta requested for extension of the period of investigation of FIR No. 3(2)2022 CB-PS u/s 13 PC Act & 120-B/34 IPC.

2. Register this as separate Misc. Case.

3. The reasons inter alia for extension of time for completion of investigation are :

- (i) The pervious investigating officer, Shri Ravi Choudhary, IPS was deputed as the Superintendent of Police in National Investigating Agency (NIA) and was relieved by the State Government to enable him to join NIA as the Superintendent of Police, NIA.
- (ii) After Shri Ravi Choudhary, IPS was relieved on deputation, the present investigating officer, Shri Rahul Gupta, IPS was appointed as the investigating officer of the present FIR vide order of the Manipur Lokayukta dated 08.12.2023 passed in Complaint Case No. 3 of 2020 and Complaint Case No. 9 of 2021.
- (iii) Shri Rahul Gupta, IPS, after taking up the investigation of the present FIR, started preparation for inspection of the work sites in the remotest parts of the State for the purpose of investigation. The technical Committee setup by the Manipur Lokayukta to provide assistance in ascertaining the quantity and quality of works under disputes in the course of investigation was not able to conduct the spot investigation due to the present law and order situation of Manipur.

(iv) Attempts were made to inspect the work sites in the remotest part of the State but could not be inspected on account of the prevailing adverse law and order situation. As a result, the investigation of the FIR No. 3(2)2022 CB-PS u/s 13 PC Act & 120-B/34 IPC could not be completed in time.

4. For the reasons mentioned above, the investigating officer, Shri Rahul Gupta, IPS under his application dated 31.07.2023 to the Director (Inquiry), Manipur Lokayukta has requested the Director (Inquiry), Manipur Lokayukta to take necessary steps for extension of timeline to complete the investigation of FIR No. 3(2)2022 CB-PS u/s 13 PC Act & 120-B/34 IPC for another 6 (six) months w.e.f. 02.08.2023.

5. After careful consideration of the reasons for extension of the time frame of the investigation for another 6 (six) months, we are of the considered view that the time frame of investigation of the present FIR No. 3(2)2022 CB-PS u/s 13 PC Act & 120-B/34 IPC shall be extended for another 5 (five) months w.e.f. 02.08.2023. Accordingly, the time frame is extended for another 5 (five) months w.e.f. 02.08.2023.

6. Registry is directed to furnish a copy of this order to (i) the Director (Inquiry), Manipur Lokayukta, and (ii) the Investigating Officer of the present Complaint Case.

7. Misc. Case is disposed of accordingly.

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MEMBER

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CHAIRPERSON