

MISC CASE NO. 6 OF 2023
REF.: COMPLAINT CASE NO. 2 OF 2022

14.09.2023

1. Perused the office note dated 14.09.2023, wherein it is reported that Director (Inquiry), Manipur Lokayukta under his letter being No. 6(COMPLT)/ML/DIR(INQ)/2022/90 dated 14.09.2023 to the Chairperson, Manipur Lokayukta requested for extension of the period of Preliminary Inquiry.
2. Register this as separate Misc. Case.
3. The reasons inter alia for extension of time for completion of Preliminary Inquiry are :
 - (i) Due to the prevailing law and order situation of the state, collection of documents from Zonal Education Offices (ZEOs) and examination of the concerned officials could not be effected.
 - (ii) In the W.P. (C) No. 565 of 2022, the Hon'ble High Court of Manipur had directed Manipur Lokayukta and other respondents to maintain status quo by an order dated 14.08.2023. As such, the inquiry officer is restrained from proceeding further inquiry.
4. For the reasons mentioned above, the inquiry officer, Shri Kh. Duneshwor Singh, MPS under his application dated 14.09.2023 to the Director (Inquiry), Manipur Lokayukta has requested the Director (Inquiry), Manipur Lokayukta to take necessary steps for extension of period of inquiry for another 90 (ninety) days w.e.f. 14.09.2023.
5. After careful consideration of the reasons for extension of the of the period for preliminary inquiry for another 3 (three) months, we are of the considered view that the period for preliminary inquiry shall be extended for another 3 (three) months i.e. w.e.f. 14.09.2023 but the status quo with respect to the proceeding of the inquiry, as on 14.08.2023, shall be maintained till the Hon'ble High Court pass further order.
6. 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.
7. Misc. Case is disposed of accordingly.

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MEMBER

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CHAIRPERSON