

MISC. CASE NO. 5 OF 2023
Ref. : Complaint Case No. 1 of 2022

16.02.2023

1. Register this as separate Misc. Case.
2. Perused the letter of the Director (Inquiry), Manipur Lokayukta dated 15.02.2023 and also the letter dated 14.02.2023 of the Inquiry Officer, Shri P. Shanker Singh, MPS to the Director (Inquiry), Manipur Lokayukta for extension of the period for inquiry for another 3 (three) months w.e.f. 16.02.2023. Inter alia reasons for extension of the time are that:
 - (i) considerable time has been taken in the process of obtaining the comment from the competent authority under section 20(2) of the Manipur Lokayukta Act, 2014;
 - (ii) the written comment from the competent authority with respect to Shri Robertson Asem, MCS, one of the Respondents in the present complaint had been received after a considerable period of time i.e. only on 16.11.2022;
 - (iii) written comments for other respondents like that of Mr. Armstrong Pame, IAS is still awaited;
 - (iv) the time period for submitting the comment had already expired;
 - (v) while giving reasonable time to the competent authority to submit their comment as provided under section 20(2) of the Manipur Lokayukta Act, 2014, considerable time had already been spent;
 - (vi) for fair procedures in conducting the Preliminary Inquiry and also for fair opportunity to the respondents of the present complaint to submit their case, the time for completion of preliminary inquiry may be extended for 3 (three) months w.e.f. 16.02.2023.
3. We have also taken into consideration of the present stage of the Preliminary Inquiry and it appears that it is at the final stage. For the ends of justice, we are of the considered view that 3 (three) months' time w.e.f. 16.02.2023 is granted as a last chance for completion and submission of the Preliminary Inquiry Report.
4. Deputy Registrar, Manipur Lokayukta is directed to furnish a copy of this order to the Director (Inquiry), Manipur Lokayukta as well as to the Inquiry Officer of the present complaint i.e. Shri P. Shanker Singh, MPS forthwith.
5. Misc. case is disposed of.

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MEMBER

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CHAIRPERSON