

MISC. CASE NO. 2 OF 2024

Ref.: Complaint Case No. 4 of 2021

26.02.2024

1. Perused the office note dated 23.02.2024 wherein it is reported that Director (Inquiry), Manipur Lokayukta under his letter being No.4/ML/DIR(INQ)/2021/84 dated 22.02.2024 to the Chairperson, Manipur Lokayukta requested for extension of the period of investigation of FIR No. 10(12)2022 CB PS U/S 403/409/120-B(2) IPC and 13(10)(a) & 13(2) PC Act.

2. Register this as separate Misc. Case.

3. The grounds for extension, inter alia mentioned in the letter dated 22.02.2024 of the Investigating Officer, are that the investigating officer, Shri T. Bimolchand Singh, MPS has been heavily engaged in maintaining Law and order round the clock in the State. The investigating officer, Shri T. Bimolchand Singh, MPS, Sub- divisional Police Officer, Mayang Imphal has been detailed for various duties issued by DGP, Manipur & SP Imphal west District. Notwithstanding sincere attempts, the accused persons remain elusive till date. The Investigation of the case is in good progress and may take another few months to complete. In such a situation, the investigating officer through his application dated 22.02.2024 to the Director (Inquiry), Manipur Lokayukta requested to extend the time frame of investigation for another 6 (six) months w.e.f. 29.02.2024.

4. After careful consideration of the reasons for extension of the time period of the investigation, it is seen that Investigation was ordered on 23.12.2022 and previous extension of 5 months upto 29.11.2023 and 3 months upto 28.02.2024 have already been given. Section 20(5) of the Manipur Lokayukta Act, 2014 provides for a total of 12 months by which time Investigation should be completed. The period of 12 months has already ended on 23.12.2023.

Under the above, circumstances and the reasons stated therein, it is of the considered view that the time frame of investigation of the present FIR No. 10(12)2022 CB PS U/S 403/409/120-B(2) IPC and 13(10)(a) & 13(2) PC Act, can be extended for a limited period of 1 (one) month only w.e.f. 29.02.2024 since the total time made available to the I.O. has already been crossed on 23.12.2023. Accordingly, the time period is hereby extended post facto from 23.12.2023 to 26.02.2024 and

1 (one) month from 29.02.2024 upto 01.04.2024 with advise that request for further extension will not be entertained, as it has already crossed 12 months. Hence, it is imperative that the I.O. should find time to complete the Investigation within the extended period of 1 (one) month. If he needs to be relieved temporarily from the current assignment to complete the Investigation, the Lokayukta is ready to send a letter to the Chief Secretary, Government of Manipur and the DGP, Manipur on receiving a letter from the I.O. through the Director, Inquiry. This request should be received by Lokayukta latest by 04.03.2024.

5. 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. Copy of this order be also given to the Chief Secretary, Government of Manipur and the DGP, Manipur.

6. Misc. Case is disposed of accordingly.

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MEMBER**