

## COMPLAINT CASE NO. 1 OF 2024

16.04.2024

[1] Director (Inquiry), Manipur Lokayukta under his letter being No. 1/ML/DIR(INQ)/2024/ dated 12.04.2024 to the Chairperson, Manipur Lokayukta has submitted the Preliminary Inquiry Report dated 12.04.2024. The said letter of Director (Inquiry), Manipur Lokayukta dated 12.04.2024 is also accompanied with a letter of Shri Kh. Duneshwor Singh, MPS, who is the Inquiry Officer of the present Complaint.

[2] In the present Complaint, we passed an order dated 25.01.2024 directing Director (Inquiry), Manipur Lokayukta for conducting a preliminary inquiry of the present complaint. The purpose of conducting the preliminary inquiry, as provided under Section 20 (3) of the Manipur Lokayukta Act, 2014, is for deciding as to whether there exists a prima facie case, and proceed with one or more of the following actions, namely:

- (a) investigation by any agency;
- (b) initiation of the departmental proceedings or any other appropriate action against the concerned public servants by the competent authority;
- (c) closure of the proceedings against the public servant and to proceed against the complainant under section 47.

[2.1] Section 20 (3) clearly speaks that it is the Manipur Lokayukta who has to consider and decide the Preliminary Inquiry report submitted by the Inquiry Officer for the purpose mentioned in Section 20 (3) of the Manipur Lokayukta Act, 2014. In other words, it is the Manipur Lokayukta to decide on the contents of the Preliminary Inquiry Report.

[3] The Preliminary Inquiry Report dated 12.04.2024 submitted by the Inquiry Officer has been perused for the purpose of taking decision as provided under Section 20 (3) of the Manipur Lokayukta Act, 2014. Issue notice to the Complainant as well as to the respondent, whose name is mentioned in the Complaint as well as in the Preliminary Inquiry Report i.e.

- i) Shri Cheshabam Badur, Pradhan of Irengband Gram Panchayat, kakching District.

[4] The purpose of issuing notice is for calling the comment of the Complainant as well as the Respondent to the Preliminary Inquiry Report and also for giving ample opportunity of being heard to them before taking decision as provided under Section 20 (3) of the Manipur Lokayukta Act, 2014.

[5] Fix this case on **22.04.2024** for submission of comment, if any, of the Complainant as well as the Respondent to the Preliminary Inquiry Report and also for hearing.

[6] Deputy Registrar, Manipur Lokayukta is directed to furnish a copy of this order as well as a copy of Preliminary Inquiry Report to the Complainant as well as to the Respondent as expeditiously as possible.

**Sd/-  
MEMBER**