

MISC. CASE NO. 3 OF 2024

Ref.: Complaint Case No. 3 of 2021

08.04.2024

1. Perused the office note dated 08.04.2024 wherein it is reported that Director (Inquiry), Manipur Lokayukta under his letter being No. 3/ML/DIR(INQ)/2021 dated 08.04.2024 to the Chairperson, Manipur Lokayukta requested for extension of the period of Investigation of FIR No. 1(02)2023 CB-PS U/S 13 PC Act, 120-B/34 IPC & 5 Manipur Public Servants Personal Liability Act, 2006.

2. Register this as separate Misc. Case.

3. The grounds for extension, inter alia mentioned in the letter dated 08.04.2024 of the Investigating Officer, are that that the investigation of the case was progressing in a swift manner. On 7th May, 2023, the IO has been appointed as Superintendent of Police, Kangpokpi District when the going through a tough law and order situation. As he was posted in most affected district he was not in the position to complete the investigation in the stipulated time frame. On 03.11.2023 he had written for extension of time frame, he was unable to complete the investigation in stipulated time due to the extent law and order situation in his district. His request for extension was approved by Lokayukta Manipur and unfortunately due to other professional commitments and General Parliamentary election 2024 the investigation could not be completed. In such a situation, the investigating officer through his application dated 08.04.2024 to the Director (Inquiry), Manipur Lokayukta requested to extend the time frame of investigation for another 3 (three) months w.e.f. 09.04.2024.

4. After careful consideration of the reasons for extension of the time period of the investigation, it is seen that Investigation was ordered on 06.02.2023 and previous extension of 1 (one) month upto 08.04.2024 has 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 06.02.2024.

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. 1(02)2023 CB-PS U/S 13 PC Act, 120-B/34 IPC & 5 Manipur Public Servants Personal Liability Act, 2006, can be extended for a limited period of another 2 (two) months only w.e.f. 09.04.2024 since the total time of 12 (twelve) months made available to the I.O. has already crossed on

06.02.2024. Accordingly, the time period is hereby extended from 09.04.2024 upto 09.06.2024 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 **2 (two) months.**

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.

6. Misc. Case is disposed of accordingly.

**Sd/-
ACTING CHAIRPERSON**