

**MISC. CASE No. 2 of 2024**

Ref: Complaint case No.6 of 2021

29.5.2024

1. Perused the office note dated 29.5.2024, wherein the director (Inquiry) vide his letter dated 29.5.2024 informed that the time extension given to the investigating officer of F.I.R No. 3 (08) 2023 CB-PS u/s 403/406/420/120-B IPC & 13 PC Act read with complaint case no. 6 of 2021 had expired on 21.4.2024 and the Investigating officer is praying for another extension for 3 months.

2. Register this as separate Misc. case.

3. The grounds for extension inter-alia mentioned in the letter mentioned above are as under:

1. Spot inspection at (a) Itham village and (b) Shangpunram village under Kasom Khullen Sub-Division in Kamjong District are due till date, because the said villages fall within the ongoing communal clashes buffer zone, so inspection couldn't be carried out till date.
2. Statement recording of two accused persons namely Shri Kaishi ex- Minister (TD) at present MLA of 49 Tadubi constituency and Shri Letkhogin Haokip IAS retired Addl. Chief secretary Government of Manipur yet to done.
3. Verification and seizure of all Bank Pass books is highly required, to ascertain how the cash transaction under 14<sup>th</sup> Finance grant was carried out.
4. Recording independent witness statement in large scale is felt to support the finding of the case. For this purpose I.O. need to visit many places for recording of statement.

4. After consideration of the reasons for extension of the time period of the Investigation, it is seen that the first extension was granted on 20.2.2024 which got over on 21.4.2024. Section 20(5) of the Manipur Lokayukta Act, 2014 stipulates that every investigation has to be completed within a period of 1 (one) year.

5. Under the above circumstances and reasons stated therein, it is of the considered view that the time frame of Investigation of the present F.I.R cited above can be extended for another two months i.e., up to 22.6.2024 with advice that no further extension shall be granted under any circumstances.

6. In view of the above and the request made by the Investigating officer for his fulltime engagement with the Investigation of the F.I.R for the period till 22.6.2024, the Superintendent of Police, Ukhrul District is directed to relieve him of normal duties except under rare circumstances such as counting of votes so as to enable the Investigating officer to complete the Investigation within the time frame stipulated in the Act.

7. Deputy Registrar, Manipur Lokayukta is directed to furnish a copy of this order to:

1. Director General of Police, Manipur.
2. Director (Inquiry), Manipur Lokayukta.
3. Superintendent of Police, UkhruI district.
4. Mr. H. Timothy Maram, MPS Addl. S.P/SDPO UkhruI I.O. of this case.

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ACTING CHAIRPERSON**