



MIZORAM LOKAYUKTA

(Constituted under the Mizoram Lokayukta Act, 2014)

ORDER

Case No. MLC- 22/2020

In the matter of:

1. The Secretary,
Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation Dept : Petitioner/Complainant

Versus

1. **Pu George Lalromawia,**
Ex-Director,
Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation Dept . : Respondent/OP

Date: 28.1.2021

This case relates to the allegation of misappropriation of public fund by Pu George Lalromawia, Ex-Director, Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation Department.

The case was originally received by the Anti-Corruption Bureau as a written FIR on 4.7.2019. After the Vigilance Department, Govt. of Mizoram conveyed approval to conduct Preliminary Enquiry, ACB PE No.11/2019 dt. 31.7.2019 was registered, and Pu Zosangliana, Dy.SP was appointed as the Enquiry Officer. Then, as per the directions of Vigilance Department, the case along with the Preliminary Enquiry Report was transferred to Mizoram Lokayukta on 19.10.2020, and was registered as Mizoram Lokayukta case.

The Lokayukta examined the Preliminary Enquiry Report and after careful scrutiny, arrangements were being made to fix the date and time for hearing to give the respondent an opportunity of being heard. Meanwhile, it is learned that Pu George Lalromawia died of cancer on 31.12.2020.

The ultimate object of the criminal proceedings is to punish the accused on his conviction of any offence. Therefore, the criminal proceedings abate on the death of the accused, as their continuance thereafter will be infructuous and meaningless. In this case the accused George Lalromawia died and his funeral was held on 1.1.2021. In such a situation, there is no reason to proceed further with the case. Rather there is only one option to follow i.e. 'actio personalis moritur cum persona' which means a personal action dies with the person. Accordingly, further investigation by the Lokayukta into alleged misappropriation of fund against deceased George Lalromawia, is hereby closed with immediate effect.

However, if the competent authority/Government proved the allegation of serious corruption in Departmental Proceedings, and has been able to fix the amount of Government money so misappropriated, then the Government may take further necessary action to recover such money as it may deem fit and proper in the interest of justice.

With this observation, the case before the Lokayukta is hereby closed.



(C. LALSAWTA)
Chairperson
Mizoram Lokayukta