

LOKPAL OF INDIA
Plot No.6, Institutional Area, Phase-II
Vasant Kunj, New Delhi - 110070

Diary No. : 2792024
Date : 29th November, 2024
Coram : **Shri Justice A. M. Khanwilkar**
Chairperson

Shri Justice L. Narayana Swamy
Judicial Member

Shri Justice Sanjay Yadav
Judicial Member

Shri Sushil Chandra
Member

Shri Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi
Judicial Member

Shri Pankaj Kumar
Member

Shri Ajay Tirkey
Member

ORDER

1. The matter has been placed before the Full Bench along with Scrutiny Report.
2. The Scrutiny Report points out following defect:
 - (i) *The date of affirmation and verification in the affidavit attached with the complaint dated (11.11.2024) is*



28.05.2022 i.e. the affidavit has been sworn almost 2.5 years prior to the date of complaint.

3. A perusal of the complaint indicates that the complaint has been filed against several (serving/retired) officials of the Bank of India, precisely 4 AGMs, 1 General Manager, 1 Zonal Manager, 1 Chief Manager, 1 former General Manager, 1 General Manager MBG Sourt-2, 1 Chief Vigilance Officer and MD & CEO.

4. The allegations pertain to misconduct, undue promotion of an officer to the post of General Manager, facilitating safe exit of another General Manager and supporting or ignoring widespread financial frauds. The allegations also relate to irregularities in gold loans, housing loans, educational loans and official accounts across certain branches as well as their involvement in a significant fraud relating to a sugar company despite various complaints pending in this regard.

5. Before we advert to the deficiency/defect in the affidavit pointed out in the Scrutiny Report, we would like to highlight that the complaint contains multiple cause of actions relating to alleged spurious gold loan finance at Hyderabad Main Branch, alleged spurious gold loan finance at Khairatabad Branch, alleged unintentional finance at Siddipet Branch and alleged undue



benefits extended by the MD&CEO to certain executives and undue harassment to certain officials and failure of corporate governance and violation of vigilance guidelines and pension regulations and departmental inquiry proceedings for *quid pro quo* arrangement.

6. As the allegations arising out of multiple causes of action are mutually exclusive, it would be appropriate to proceed only if independent complaint(s) are filed in respect of the concerned cause of action, lest it would result in causing confusion due to multifarious allegations including during the inquiry and consideration thereof at the appropriate stage.
7. Accordingly, we give four weeks time to the complainant to file independent complaint(s) in respect of each cause of action as pointed out in the earlier part of this order, which complaint(s) can be proceeded analogously one after the other; and upon registration of such complaint(s) the same can be disposed of appropriately.
8. Registry is directed to list the fresh complaint(s), to be filed by the complainant in terms of this order, along with this complaint on that the date assigned to this complaint.



9. Registry is also directed to forthwith inform the complainant on his email address, if available to take necessary corrective steps.
10. Needless to mention that the complainant shall not commit the same mistake of filing old affidavit in support of the fresh complaint(s), but the affidavit should be latest and contemporaneous to the date of filing of the fresh complaint.
11. List this complaint on 03/01/2025.

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(Court Master)

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