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

Complaint No.

110/2023.

Date

September 12, 2023.

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Justice Abhilasha Kumari

Judicial Member

Smt. Archana Ramasundaram

Member

Shri Mahender Singh

Member

ORDER

This complaint dated 09.03.2023, is directed against the Cluster Head of All India Radio and Door Darshan Kendra, Port Blair. The allegations against the public servant are regarding diversion of a sanctioned post in violation of guidelines and without concurrence from the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, violation of Recruitment Rules, misuse of her official position and power, misuse of official vehicle, violation of relevant circulars regarding duty hours, loss of an invertor, misuse of new Airtel Broad Band connection, reducing the power of AIR transmitter, use of vehicles for Engineers without payment and thereby causing financial loss, converting leave into a tour, etc.

2. The Complaint was considered by the Full Bench of the Lokpal of India on 31.05.2023 and in view of the nature of the allegations made by the complainant, by an order of the same date, it was referred to the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) for

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conducting a Preliminary Inquiry and to submit a report by 14.07.2023.

- 3. The CVC, vide their letter dated 14.07.2023, submitted an Interim Report, received from the Prasar Bharati. The said Report was considered by the Division Bench on 21st July, 2023. The Division Bench, vide order of that date, directed the CVC to submit the final Preliminary Inquiry Report (PIR), on or before, 25.08.2023. Accordingly, the CVC vide their letter dated 25.08.2023, has submitted the final PIR, received from the Prasar Bharati, which has been checked and duly verified by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Prasar Bharati.
- 4. We have minutely perused and considered the PIR submitted by the CVC. After going through the Report, the comments of the concerned administrative authorities and the supporting documents attached thereto, the Division Bench is in agreement with the conclusions arrived at in the Preliminary Inquiry Report that out of a total of nine allegations made by the complainant, all **except** allegation No. 5, are devoid of any vigilance angle and the same have not been found to be substantiated.
- 5. **Allegation No. 5** is regarding the violation of a circular regarding duty hours and not adhering to office timings. This allegation appears to have been substantiated. However, it appears to be administrative in nature.
- 6. The CVO, in his report forwarded through the CVC, has recommended as below:

"Matter of attendance and punctuality are administrative in nature, concerned administrative/controlling authority may be requested to review the conduct of Smt. M. Vasuki in this regard and take remedial action as per rule, wherever necessary".

- 7. The said recommendation may be implemented strictly.
- 8. With the above observations, the complaint is closed and disposed of.

COURT MASTER, LOKPAL OF INDIA.