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

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Complaint No.

110/2024 (arising out of Dy.No.942024)

Date

15.05.2024

Coram

Shri 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

## <u>ORDER</u>

The Registry, Lokpal of India has put up the complaint for consideration of the Full Bench. It is noted that the complainant has not

filed the notarized affidavit. The complainant has also not filed the complete copy of Aadhaar Card; only the front portion of the same has been filed and the address portion of the same is not enclosed. We condone the deficiencies pointed out by the Registry.

- 2. The complaint is against the Managing Director and some other officers of Bharati Sahakari Bank Limited, Pune. The complainant has alleged that these officials demanded bribe from his brother under threats of adverse actions against his professional well-being and for not including his name in an ATM cloning scam, in which higher officials of the said Bank were involved. The complainant has also alleged that his brother has been harassed and falsely accused by the senior officials who demanded bribe to absolve him of involvement in the scam wherein he was not involved.
- 3. We have considered the complaint and disposed to condone the remarks made in the Scrutiny Report. We find that it is against the officers of a State Co-operative Bank. The State Co-operative Banks are established under the local State Legislation such as Maharashtra Co-operative Societies Act, 1960 in the present case. As per Section 14 of the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013, the named officers do not come

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within the jurisdiction of Lokpal of India. Therefore, no further action can be taken in the matter.

4. Accordingly, the complaint is disposed of. However, the complainant is at liberty to approach the appropriate forum for redressal of his grievance.

(Court Master)