

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

Complaint No.

118/2024 (arising out of Dy.No.1052024)

Date

17.05.2024

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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 Ajay Tirkey

Member

<u>ORDER</u>

- The complaint dated 03.05.2024 has been placed before us with Scrutiny Report dated 13.05.2024.
- 2. The Scrutiny Report amongst others mentions that:

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- a. The complainant has not enclosed any list/particulars of documents relied upon by the complainant in support of the allegation.
- b. The complainant has also not provided copies of such documents.
- 3. We have perused the complaint and the documents annexed therewith. We condone the objections pointed out in the scrutiny report and proceed with the matter.
- 4. The complainant had made the complaint raising his concerns regarding the extended tenure of the respondent public servant in order to bring to light potential irregularities associated with the posting of the respondent public servant for a long time at one place.
- The letter of the complainant reveals that he has raised concerns regarding the prolonged service and potential improprieties associated with the tenure of the present Regional Operations Manager, Southern Region, Chennai, Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), a Public Sector Undertaking under the Ministry of Steel, Govt. of India. It is alleged that the extended tenure of the

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respondent public servant is in contravention of the established transfer and rotation policies. He has limited exposure to the other regions. The respondent public servant has misused the official resources such as unscrupulous and excessive use of company vehicle, apprehensions of potential irregularities in business practices, alleged involvement in a theft incident and despite facing allegation and suspicion, the respondent public servant has been given promotion recently. A request has been made to the Lokpal of India to initiate thorough investigation into the above-mentioned allegations against the respondent public servant and transfer him to another region.

6. There is no discernible allegation of omission and commission constituting an offence of corruption as defined under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. The allegations made in the complaint are more of indulging in maladministration. We do not find any reason to entertain the complaint.

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7. It is accordingly disposed of. However, with liberty to the complainant to raise his concerns before the appropriate authorities/forum.

(Court Master)