

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

Complaint No. : 128/2023

Date : 13 June, 2023.

Coram : **Justice Pradip Kumar Mohanty**
Hon'ble Acting Chairperson

Justice Abhilasha Kumari
Judicial Member

Shri Dinesh Kumar Jain
Member

Smt. Archana Ramasundaram
Member

Shri Mahender Singh
Member

ORDER

Perused the complaint.

The complainant has stated that he is an ex-Servicemen and a wounded officer of Indian Air Force who is presently 72 years old. He was granted Indane Gas distributorship under the Defence category by Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL). He has further stated that he had made a complaint against the IOCL with the CBDT by filing complaint/grievance on CPGRAM portal on 30.09.2022. On the basis of this complaint, Income Tax Department issued around 688 Show-Cause Notices on all TANs of IOCL throughout the country. In the process, Income Tax Department disclosed his name to the IOCL Marketing Division. When IOCL came to know that the complaint has been made by the current complainant, the concerned GM, IOCL suspended his Indane Gas distributorship on 23.02.2023. IOCL is now in the process of terminating his distributorship as a matter of revenge against the complainant.

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After considering the contents of the complaint, we observe that the complainant's grievance is against the officials of IOCL who have suspended his distributorship. No allegations of corruption have been made against the concerned officials. We are, therefore, of the view that Lokpal of India is not the appropriate authority to address the present grievance of the complainant as it is outside the purview of the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013. No order, therefore, needs to be passed in the matter. The Full Bench, however, directs that the complaint may be sent to the Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, Govt. of India for necessary action as deemed fit.

Accordingly, the complaint stands disposed of.


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