

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

Complaint No. : 134/2024

Date : 14.06.2024.

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 complaint has been placed before the Full Bench for consideration and orders.



2. The Full Bench has perused the Scrutiny Report and has gone through the records. As per the Scrutiny Report, since no defects have been found in the scrutiny, a complaint number has been generated to this complaint.

3. As per the allegations, the complaint is made against the Joint Controller General of Accounts (Ex-Chairman and Managing Director), Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Limited (SPMCIL), New Delhi. The complainant accuses the respondent public servant of being involved in corruption, irregularities and undue favour to one of the officer/employee in SPMCIL who has been improperly and hastily absorbed in the service of SPMCIL without following proper recruitment procedure, bypassing internal and eligible candidates. There is also violation of transparency and fairness. Further, the complainant also alleges the respondent public servant of violating Govt. norms despite pending complaints relating to corruption against the absorbed officer/employee and his pay has been fixed at a higher grade with the additional increments which is against the Government rules, causing financial loss to the Govt. exchequer and he has been granted undue retrospective seniority from his date of deputation in SPMCIL despite already receiving pensionary benefits. The complainant claims that these actions of the respondent public servant, resulting from corrupt practices, violates Article 14 of the Constitution of India by denying equal opportunity

to the other eligible candidates. It is requested that investigation shall be conducted in order to address these concerns.

4. It is to be noted that on similar allegations, another complaint (Diary No.4422023) was received in the office of Lokpal of India which was filed by a different complainant. The Scrutiny Report pointed out certain discrepancies in the complaint. The Registry vide letter dated 19.09.2023 had informed the complainant to cure the defects, however, it remained unreplied. The matter was placed before the Full Bench and vide Order dated 09.05.2024, conditional order was passed directing the complainant to cure the defects within two weeks failing which the complaint shall stand disposed of without reference to the Bench. The complainant of that complaint did not send any communication or cured the defects, hence, the complaint bearing Diary No.4422023 stood disposed of.

5. On close examination of the complaint in hand, it is seen that it is based on the same facts and circumstances against the same public servant and with the similar allegations as was the case in complaint bearing Diary No.4422023, only the complainant is different. In fact, the grievance of the complainant is essentially in respect of service matter regarding permanent absorption of the officer/employee in the services of SPMCIL and allowing him benefit of retrospective seniority and fixation of pay at higher grade pay scale. We do not find any cogent reasons to



grant indulgence. The complaint is disposed of. However, the complainant is at liberty to raise his grievance before the appropriate forum or authority as the case may be.

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