LOKPAL OF INDIA

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

Complaint No.

136/2023

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Date

13th June, 2023

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Justice Pradip Kumar Mohanty

Acting Chairperson

Justice Abhilasha Kumari

Judicial Member

Shri Dinesh Kumar Jain

Member

Smt. Archana Ramasundaram

Member

Shri Mahender Singh

Member

ORDER

The matter has arisen from the complaint filed by a resident of Village Ratanpura, Tehsil Nohar, District Hanumangarh (Rajasthan).

- 2. The complaint has been made against the Village Sarpanch, LDC and Village Development Officer of the said village. The complainant has levelled allegations against the said public servants for having misused the funds allocated towards levelling of the playground, plantation and other developmental activities at the Government Adarsh Higher Secondary School of the said village under MGNREGA (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act) Scheme.
- 3. The complainant has alleged that payments were made relating to the said developmental work to certain persons without their actually having worked. The complainant has enclosed a copy of a newspaper article wherein

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it has been stated that Rs.44 lakhs has been allocated under MGNREGA for levelling of the said playground using a tractor and for the other developmental activities. He has also enclosed some photographs to prove that MGNREGA workers were not seen working at the playground site and the levelling of the playground was done using a tractor but payments were made allegedly to the relatives and known persons of the said Village Sarpanch by enrolling them under MGNREGA.

- 4. From the perusal of the complaint and the documents enclosed, it is evident that the allegations are levelled against the public servants working under the State Government of Rajasthan. Hence, the complaint does not appear to fall under the jurisdiction of the Lokpal of India. Therefore, we are of the view that the complaint, along with enclosures, be forwarded to the Hon'ble Lokayukta, Rajasthan for such action, as deemed fit.
- 5. As the funds for implementation of this scheme are being allotted by the Central Government also, a copy of this Order, along with a copy of the complaint, may also be sent to the Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India for information and necessary action.
- 6. The Registry of the Lokpal of India is directed to do the needful.
- 7. The complaint stands disposed of, granting liberty to the complainant to pursue the matter with the office of the Hon'ble Lokayukta, Rajasthan.

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