## LOKPAL OF INDIA

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

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Complaint No(s).

:141/2024 (arising out of Dairy No. 1442024) and 156/2024 (arising out of Diary No. 1372024)

Date

: 12.07.2024

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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>

- These complaints are placed before the Full Bench for consideration of the Scrutiny Reports and to pass appropriate orders.
- 2. Perused the Scrutiny Reports.

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- 3. These two complaints, dated 20.06.2024 (Dairy No. 1442024) and 11.06.2024 (Dairy No. 1372024), have been registered as Complaint No(s).141/2024 and 156/2024. Although the name of the complainant are different in both complaints, but the subject matter of these complaints is substantially the same, therefore, they are taken up together for consideration and a common order is being passed.
- 4. Reverting to Complaint No. 141/2024 (Diary No. 1442024), no defect has been observed. This complaint is against the Chairman, National Testing Agency (NTA). The complainant alleges that there are many irregularities and corruption in the NEET UG 2024 Exam which is conducted by the NTA and calls for a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) Inquiry into the same due to these serious allegations. Further, the complainant also mentions the concerns regarding the exam, which includes the arbitrary awarding subsequent withdrawal of grace marks to over 1,500 students, which has raised suspicions of systematic corruption. Additionally, the complainant also mentions that there is an unusually high number of perfect scores, particularly from specific centers which has led to allegations of arbitrary marking and possible cheating. The complainant further mentions a paper leak scam in Bihar, where brokers allegedly provided candidates with the

question papers in advance for significant bribes, further pointing to deep-rooted corruption. The NTA's inconsistent and unconvincing responses have exacerbated these suspicions, particularly their handling of the grace marks and high scores. It is requested by the complainant that an investigation must be conducted into the role of the accused public servant, i.e., the Chairman, NTA, suggesting the potential involvement of high-level officials in these irregularities. Furthermore, the complainant also stresses the need for a CBI inquiry to ensure a fair and transparent examination process and to hold any wrongdoers accountable.

- ii. Further, the complainant has mentioned the names of two public servants at the time of online filing i.e., (i) Chairman, NTA and (ii) Director General, NTA.
- iii. It is also pertinent to mention that another complaint on the same subject matter (Dy. No. 1372024) has also been made by a different complainant.
- Complaint No. 156/2024 (Diary No. 1372024), dated 11.06.2024, has also been made against the Director General of the National Testing Agency (NTA). As noted earlier, similar allegations are



made even in this complaint. The Scrutiny Report prepared by the Registry delineates the following defects, not cured by the complainant:

- a. The complainant has not enclosed the certificate of registration/incorporation; however, he has enclosed the Trust Deed in name of Federation of Indian Youth Association in S.No. 1(b) of Part B of the complaint form.
- b. The complainant has mentioned his own name as the authorizing signatory; however, the Trust Deed is in the name of three people, other than the complainant in S. No. 3 & 4 of the Part B of the complaint form.
- c. The complainant has enclosed no authorization document on behalf of the Trust, though he has stated 'Yes' in S. No. 14 of Part B of the complaint form.
- d. The complainant has mentioned the designation instead of the name of the public servant against whom the complaint is being made in S. No. 1 of Part C of the complaint form.
- e. The complainant has not given any particulars/list of documents relied upon, nor any such copies are enclosed in S. No. 12 and 14 of Part C of the complaint form. However, he has provided the list of documents in the Letter addressed to the Lokpal of India.
- f. The complainant has not enclosed a duly notarized affidavit on a non-judicial stamp paper.

We are disposed to condone the remarks noted by the Registry in this office report; and entertain the complaint being tenable.



- 6. It is in public domain that the matters on the same subject are pending investigation and also sub judice before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. Hence, we decline to entertain these complaints considering the mandate of Section 15 of the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013. Therefore, no order needs to be passed and the same stands disposed of with liberty to the complainant(s) to pursue other legal remedies if so advised.
- 7. The complaints are disposed of.

(Court Master)