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

Complaint Nos.

147/2024, 148/2024, 149/2024,

150/2024, 151/2024 and 152/2024

(arising out of Dy Nos. 1472024, 1482024, 1492024, 1502024, 1512024

and 1522024)

Date

10.07.2024

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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

ORDER

These complaints which have been filed by six persons independently, have been placed before the Full Bench for consideration of the Scrutiny Reports and to pass appropriate order.

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- 2. Perused the Scrutiny Reports. We are disposed to condone the defects noted by the office in these reports and proceed to entertain the complaints.
- 3. These complaints are against a former Special Chief Secretary, who served as Metropolitan Commissioner of Hyderabad, Metropolitan Development Authority. The complainants have levelled serious allegations of financial fraud, corruption and abuse of power during the tenure of the said public servant. It has been alleged that the said public servant played a pivotal role in illegally allocating, transferring and auctioning of property in Kokapet village, despite pending legal disputes as follows:-

"XXXXXX (name redacted for confidentiality) purchased many guntas via sale deed as self-acquired property which is know as Kokpate village now in Telangana.

After his demise, multiple litigations regarding succession were intimated.

The order of Atiyat Court vide order dated 15.02.1954 held that the said land in Kokapet is self-purchased land and the sale deed of 1852 was recognised as belonging to XXXXXXX (name redacted for confidentiality) and thereby to his legal heirs, the legal heir of late XXXXXX (name redacted for confidentiality) was identified and the subject land was granted to them.

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Thereafter the said land was given to some of the legal heir to the complaint via GPA. In 2005 government via GO declared said land as government land. The said GO was later set aside by the HC.

Multiple litigations regarding said land were filed and are still pending, despite that accused with hand ingloves with certain private realtors and political parties auctioned the said land well above the market rate and gained illegal gains."

- 4. The complainants have also alleged that there has been lack of transparency in providing information to the RTI applications. They have further alleged that the said public servant misused his official position by extending undue favours to various builders and developers in exchange for bribes and that along with local politicians and real estate builders, he has defrauded the public and made wrongful gains.
- 5. Having perused the complaint it is found that the public servant against whom the complaints have been made was working under the State Government of Telangana at the time of commission of the alleged offence and that the complaint is not against a public servant working in connection with the affairs of the Union, within the purview of Section 14 of the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013. Therefore, the named public servant is not amenable to the jurisdiction of the Lokpal. Hence the complaint is being

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disposed of accordingly. The complainants are at liberty to approach the appropriate authority for redressal of their grievance, if they so desire.

(Court Master)