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

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Complaint No(s).

159/2023

Date

30.04.2024

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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 Pankaj Kumar

Member

**Shri Ajay Tirkey** 

Member

## **ORDER**

This complaint was considered by the Full Bench on 29.08.2023. The order of the Full Bench delineates the several allegations made in the complaint. Considering those allegations, the Full Bench deemed it appropriate to direct the

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Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) to conduct a Preliminary Inquiry and submit its report in that regard.

- 2. The Under Secretary to the Government of India, CVC, vide Office Memorandum (OM), dated 10.04.2024, has forwarded an original copy of the Preliminary Inquiry Report, including the comments of the Competent Authority. We have carefully considered the Preliminary Inquiry Report and all other relevant materials.
- 3. We are in agreement with the findings recorded therein, concerning the respective allegations. We find that the stated allegations inquired into are essentially about the irregularities and do not touch upon the act of commission and omission of offence under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. In regard to the allegation of irregular payments of scholarship and engaging a private advocate for defending the matter in the court and despite such irregularities the named public servant was promoted and given extension in service in violation of the regulations of the DoPT, the Inquiry Report rightly finds that the matter was thoroughly investigated by the Investigating Agency and nothing was found against the named public servant. In other words, the RPS was absolved and not even charge-sheeted. Taking any view of the matter, nothing more needs to be done in this case. Therefore, we accept the findings given in the Preliminary Inquiry Report *in toto*, concerning all the allegations in the complaint and dispose of this Complaint.



4. Accordingly, this complaint is disposed of.

(Court Master)