LOKPAL OF INDIA
Plot No.6, Institutional Area, Phase-II
Vasant Kunj, New Delhi - 110070
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Complaint No.	:	16/2025
Date	:	21.02.2025
Coram	:	**Shri Justice A.M. Khanwilkar** **Chairperson**
		Shri Justice L. Narayana Swamy **Member**
		Shri Justice Sanjay Yadav **Member**
		Shri Sushil Chandra **Member**
		Shri Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi **Member**
		Shri Ajay Tirkey **Member**

ORDER

1. Vide order dated 31.01.2025, the complainant was asked to file an affidavit regarding the fact that whether he was aware of the Inquiry

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conducted by the CBI as ordered by the Lokpal in Complaint No. 216/2023.

2. In response to the said order, the complainant has filed an affidavit dated 10.02.2025. The affidavit reads as under:

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I was not aware of any previous cases against them, but in February 2024, I received a call from xxxxxx (name redacted), an officer from the CBI, informing me that they were conducting an inquiry into the Commissioner and the Superintendent regarding service tax matters. As part of their investigation, they needed to examine the orders passed by both officials

Following this, I visited the GST Bhavan, where I clearly informed the officer that the Superintendent had demanded a bribe from me. Since I refused the pay the bribe, an unfavourable order was passed against me. I provided a written statement to the CBI officer, explicitly mentioning the bribery demand. Additionally, I submitted supporting evidence to substantiate my claim.

During the review of the case files, we discovered that some important documents were missing, and

there were discrepancies in the signatures on official papers. After reviewing my statement and the evidence, the officer advised me to stand by my claims regarding the bribery demand. He assured me that they would conduct a thorough investigation and call me for further inquiries.

However, after that interaction, I did not receive any further calls or updates from the CBI. In November 2024, I personally contacted the officer to request an update on the case. He informed me that a report had already been submitted to their higher authorities.

I was shocked to learn that they had not conducted any further inquiry based on my statement. Given the seriousness of the allegations and the evidence I provided, I strongly suspect that there may have been some irregularities or misconduct in the investigation. Despite their initial assurance that they would call me for further questioning, I have been waiting since February 2024 without any communication from them.

I am now deeply concerned about the transparency and integrity of the investigation. "

3. We have considered the affidavit given by the complainant. The contents of the affidavit show that the complainant had attended CBI office and had told about his grievance and submitted supporting evidence to substantiate the allegation. His statement was also recorded. Therefore, it is obvious that he was in the knowledge that some Inquiry is going on against the Superintendent and Commissioner (GST). These facts were not disclosed in the original affidavit, filed by the complainant.

4. The allegations and the details furnished by the complainant were duly considered by the Inquiry Officer while conducting inquiry in the Complaint No. 216/2023. The CBI in Inquiry Report dated 27.05.2024, has given a finding that the allegation of bribery is not substantiated. The said PI Report was considered while deciding the allegations contained in Complaint No. 216/2023 and final order was passed on 21.01.2025, disposing of the complaint. The said order was uploaded on the website of the Lokpal.

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5. As the inquiry on the facts given by the complainant has been concluded by the CBI, and the final order has been passed by Lokpal, no further action is required on this complaint. Accordingly, the complaint is disposed of.

Sd/-
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(Court Master)

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