

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

Complaint No(s). : 163/2023

Date : 29th August, 2023.

Coram : **Shri Justice Pradip Kumar Mohanty**
Acting Chairperson

Smt. Justice Abhilasha Kumari
Judicial Member

Shri Dinesh Kumar Jain
Member

Smt. Archana Ramasundaram
Member

Shri Mahender Singh
Member

ORDER

Perused the complaint.

2. The complainant has filed this complaint in the format prescribed under the Rules and has been received by post in the Registry of the Lokpal of India.

3. The complainant had alleged some irregularities by an official of Indian Railways who had superannuated some time back. The allegations are as under:-

- (i) That the public servant was involved in corruption in the procurement of oxygen plant during covid period;
- (ii) That the public servant allowed expenditure in non-priority sections of Koraput – Kotavalasa and Koraput – Rayagada doubling projects;



- (iii) That the public servant allowed the replacement of Route Relay Interlocking (RRI) at Paradip at an expenditure of Rs.48.00 crores which could have been avoided by expanding the existing system;
- (iv) That the public servant wanted to stop re-weighment of overloaded iron ore carrying good trains causing loss of revenue and endangering railway safety;
- (v) That he interfered in vigilance work, thereby protecting the corrupt officials,
- (vi) That he posted a protocol inspector at New Delhi on deputation to do his personal work,
- (vii) That he promoted some officials as Deputy Secretary and Asstt. Secretary without observing rules/ regulations on this subject,
- (viii) That he transferred an official from Bhubaneshwar to Vishakapatnam as that officer did not clear the bills of a contractor,
- (ix) That he attempted to misappropriate official furniture at the time of his transfer
- (x) demanding gold coins from departments and divisions as gifts in his farewell function upon superannuation, etc.

4. The Full Bench having perused the complaint and the documents annexed with the complaint noted that the allegation with regard to Koraput – Kotavalasa and Koraput – Rayagada doubling projects (serial number (ii) in the list in para 3 above) has already been dealt with and disposed of vide Order dated 11.07.2023 of the Division Bench of the Lokpal of India in Complaint No.07/2023. Therefore, the Bench concluded that this particular allegation does not require any further discussion.



5. As regards the remaining allegations, the Full Bench of the Lokpal of India observed that some of the allegations relate to investment decisions. The complainant has not submitted any evidence to show that these decisions were taken by the Respondent Public Servant for unlawful gains. Investment decisions normally get scrutinized at several levels in Indian Railways and therefore, in the absence of any evidence it would not be appropriate to attribute motives to such decisions. Some allegations relate to administrative decisions and again, in the absence of any evidence, it will not be proper to attribute motives to such decisions.

6. For these reasons, the Full Bench concluded that no action is required to be taken on this complaint. However, the complainant is at liberty to pursue his complaint with appropriate authorities

7. With these observations, the complaint is disposed of.


Court Master
Lokpal of India