

Lokpal of India
Plot No.6, Vasant Kunj Institutional Area – Phase-II
New Delhi – 110070

Complaint No. :167/2024 (arising out of Dy. No.1652024)

Date : 26.07.2024

Coram : **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 Awasthy
Judicial Member

Shri Pankaj Kumar
Member

Shri Ajay Tirkey
Member

ORDER

1. The Scrutiny Branch has placed the file before the Full Bench for consideration, pointing out several defects, which are hereunder:

- (i) "A letter addressed to the Lokpal has not been enclosed.
- (ii) The complaint has been received through Lokpal Online portal. The Physical copy of the complaint has not been



received in Lokpal Office, and therefore, the complaint form is unsigned and, the photocopy of a duly signed notarized affidavit on a non-judicial stamp paper has been enclosed with the complaint."

2. Ordinarily, we would have shown indulgence to the complainant by giving him time to cure the defects. However, having gone through the complaint, it is noticed that the complaint has been made against the employee of the Health Department of Municipal Corporation Madurai, in the State of Tamilnadu. In other words, the public servants who have allegedly indulged in corruption are the employees of the Municipal Corporation Madurai; and have not been assigned any duty in relation to the affairs of the Union of India. Resultantly, they cannot be considered as public servants within the meaning of Section 14 of the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013 and are not amenable to the jurisdiction of the Lokpal.
3. In that view of the matter, this complaint need not remain pending and the same **stands disposed of**.
4. The complainant is at liberty to approach the appropriate authority for redressal of his grievance, if he so desires.



5. Registry is directed to take follow-up steps, as may be required.

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