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

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Complaint No.

171/2024 (arising out of Diary.No.1692024)

Date

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26.07.2024

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

<u>Order</u>

- 1. The complaint is placed before the Full Bench for consideration of the Scrutiny Report and to pass appropriate order.
- 2. Perused the Scrutiny Report.

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- 3. The complaint dated 20.07.2024 has been received through the Lokpal Online Portal and the physical copy of the complaint has been received in the Registry of the Lokpal of India. The Scrutiny Report has pointed out the following defects:
 - The complainant has not provided the summary of facts/allegations of corruption in S.No.10 of Part C.
 - (ii) The complainant has not provided the particulars/list of documents relied upon by the complainant.
 - (iii) Since the complainants have not given any particular list of documents in S.No.12 of Part C of the complaint form, it cannot be ascertained whether such documents have been enclosed in Column 14 of Part C.
- 4. We deem it appropriate to condone the remarks made by the Scrutiny Report and entertain this complaint.
- 5. The complaint is against a Collector and District Magistrate of a district in Bihar. The complainant has alleged that Khatian needs to be in the name of XXXX or in the name of XXXX (names redacted for confidentiality). But after checking it online through Khata Khesra it has been found that the Jamabandi of the land of the said Khata-Khesra is in the name of different people. He has alleged corruption in maintaining/transferring Jamabandi because the persons in whose name Jamabandi has been done are not part of his family tree. The complainant has raised the question when the land in question is not fit for sale then how come it is shown in the name of others in the record? He has requested the Lokpal for a thorough enquiry into the matter and to take strict action against the officials involved.

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- 6. The Full Bench having perused the complaint and the documents attached with the complaint is of the view that the issue is related to the mutation of land records. That is dealt with by the State Government. The public servant against whom the complaint is made is serving in connection with the affairs of the State Government. As such the stated public servant is not amenable to the jurisdiction of the Lokpal as per Section 14 of the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013.
- 7. Consequently, the complaint is finally disposed of.
- 8. The complainant will however be at liberty to approach appropriate authority for the redressal of his grievance.

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Court Master

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