

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

Complaint No. :192/2024(arising out of Dy.No.2102024)

Date : 20.09.2024

Coram : **Shri Justice A.M. Khanwilkar**
Chairperson

Shri Justice L. Narayana Swamy
Judicial Member

Shri Sushil Chandra
Member

Shri Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi
Judicial Member

Shri Pankaj Kumar
Member

ORDER

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.



3. The complaint dated 12.09.2024 has been received through the LokpalOnline portal. The Scrutiny Report has pointed out the following defects in the complaint filed: -
 - (i) The complainant has not enclosed a duly signed notarized affidavit on non-judicial stamp paper.
 - (ii) The complainant has not provided the present designation and the post held by the accused at the time of the commission of the alleged offence under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.
 - (iii) The complainant has not enclosed any signed statement of allegations.
 - (iv) The complaint has been received through LokpalOnline portal and therefore the complaint form is also unsigned and the physical copy of the complaint has not been received.
4. We deem it appropriate to condone the remarks made in the Scrutiny Report and entertain the complaint.
5. The complainant's grievance is that an online fraud has taken place in May 2024 in which an amount of Rs.42,000/- has been scammed on the pretext of renting his house. It appears that the complainant has filed a complaint on the Cyber Police Portal and has recovered Rs.22,000/- from the Bank. However, he could not recover the remaining account.
6. The Full Bench having perused the complaint and the document attached is of the view that the issue, *prima facie* relates to online fraud and there is no discernible allegation of commission of an offence of corruption within the meaning of the Prevention of



Corruption Act, 1988. As such the complaint is not amenable to the jurisdiction of the Lokpal as per Section 14 of the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013.

7. Accordingly, the complaint is disposed of. However, the complainant is at liberty to pursue his grievance with the appropriate authority.

Sd/-
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(Court Master)

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