

**LOKPAL OF INDIA**  
**[Plot No. 6, Institutional Area, Phase-II, Vasant Kunj]**  
**New Delhi**  
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Complaint Nos. : 195/2023.

Date : March 4, 2024.

**Coram** : **Justice Abhilasha Kumari**  
**Judicial Member**

**Smt. Archana Ramasundaram**  
**Member**

**Shri Mahender Singh,**  
**Member.**

**ORDER**

The complainant of this complaint had earlier filed Complaints Nos. 73, 74 and 75/2023, which had been clubbed together and were pending adjudication, at the time of filing the present complaint. Being a whistle-blower, the complainant has alleged harassment at the hands of certain officers/officials of the Steel Authority of India (SAIL), for having uncovered certain financial irregularities that form the allegations made in Complaint Nos. 73,74 and 75/2023. According to the complainant, he is being subjected to “atrocities” and “torture” for having made those complaints. He has alleged mental harassment which would harm him psychologically, as well.

2. The Division Bench perused and considered the contents of the present complaint on 21.12.2023 and, by an order of that date, directed the Chairman, SAIL, to look into the matter and file his comments on, or before, 29.01.2024. The concern of the Division Bench was only to the extent that no person should be targeted by vested interests for approaching the Lokpal of India. In the present case, the complainant is an employee of SAIL and has approached the Lokpal of India with allegations of financial irregularities in the above mentioned complaints.

3. Pursuant to the directions of the Lokpal of India contained in order dated 21.12.2023, the Chairman, SAIL has submitted his comments, along with an affidavit.

4. We have perused the said comments of the Chairman, SAIL. We do not consider it appropriate to comment upon the disciplinary action being taken by SAIL against the complainant, which appears to have emanated from a suspicion that the complainant is allegedly connected to certain anonymous emails received from undisclosed identities, in SAIL. However, it is denied that the complainant has been suspended due to his having filed complaints before the Lokpal of India. It is also stated that during the disciplinary proceedings, full opportunity has been provided to him and the principles of natural justice have been followed. Regarding the transfer of the complainant, it is stated that it is a routine transfer and is an incidence of service.

5. Having considered the comments of the Chairman, SAIL, we are of the view that no interference is called for into routine administrative matters. However, such action must not veer



towards retribution for having approached the Lokpal of India with serious allegations.

6. With the above observations, we consider it appropriate to dispose of this complaint.

7. Accordingly, the complaint stands disposed of.



COURT MASTER,  
LOKPAL OF INDIA.