

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

Complaint No. : 202 & 203/2024
Date : 18.12.2024
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 Awasthi
Judicial Member

Shri Pankaj Kumar
Member

Shri Ajay Tirkey
Member

ORDER

1. As the allegations in these two complaints against officials of the Oil and Natural Gas Commission (hereafter referred to as RPS-1 and RPS-2) are common, both complaints were clubbed by order dated 23.08.2024.



2. That Preliminary Inquiry was directed to be conducted by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) vide order dated 04.10.2024.
3. That CBI submitted the Preliminary Inquiry Report along with the documents, statements and comments of RPS-1 and RPS-2 on 22.11.2024 (vide communication No.DP0992024/2004/33/11/2024 lokpal(34)/PD. That later, in furtherance to order dated 26.11.2024, the CBI vide communication dated 09.12.2024 (No.DP0992024/3041/33/11/2023/Lokpal(34)/PD) furnished the comments of the Competent Authority along with observations of Inquiry officer on the comments of the Competent Authority and RPS-1 and RPS-2.
4. We have perused the Inquiry Report, comments of RPS-1, RPS-2 and of Competent Authority as well as the observations thereon of the Inquiry officer.
5. The allegations against RPS-1 and RPS-2 are

Allegation-1

Indulgence in corrupt activities by Mr.XXXXX and Mr.XXXXX in the works pertaining to area near SK 109 oil well with specific reference to:

- (i) Line re-route of SK 109 to benefit.
- (ii) Issuance of work orders.



- (iii) Illegal recovery of pipeline
- (iv) Issuance of NOC to benefit builders who had constructed societies on the said sites.

Allegation-2

Indulgence in corrupt activities by Mr.XXXXX and Mr.XXXXX in the works pertaining to re-routing of line near XXXXX District XXXXX with specific reference to:

- (i) Re-routing of 4' pipeline.
- (ii) Issuance of NOC to give benefit to builders.
- (iii) Not providing compensation to farmers (for use of their land with mutual consent)
- (iv) Corruption in Boring while re-routing the pipeline.

The Inquiry Officer during course of inquiry:

- (i) Ascertained the background and evolution of PSU involved, its organizational structure and functioning.
- (ii) Collected documents and information pertaining to the specific issues reference in the complaints,
- (iii) Examined the witnesses and persons acquainted with the issues.
- (iv) Undertaking a site visit to grasp the on-ground situation.
- (v) Sought comments from the RPSs



- (vi) Views of Competent Authority.
6. The Inquiry Officer after evaluating the documentary and oral evidence collected in the course of inquiry has concluded that none of the allegations made in the complaints are substantiated.
7. The observation and the conclusions arrived at by the Inquiry Officer when tested on the anvil of cogent material evidence on record we perceive that none of the allegations including that of corruption against the RPSs are substantiated as would warrant any further action against the RPSs.
8. The complaints are disposed of accordingly.

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