

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

Complaint No. : 248/2024

Date : 13th December, 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. The Full Bench vide conditional Order dated 14.11.2024 had granted two weeks' time to the Complainant to remove the defects, as pointed out in the scrutiny report. The Complainant



has rectified all the defects within time. Accordingly, a Complaint No. 248/2024 has been generated and the matter has been placed today before the Full Bench.

2. The complaint has been filed alleging that Shri XXXXX (name redacted for confidentiality), Senior Manager, and Shri XXXXX (name redacted for confidentiality), Assistant Manager, of Punjab National Bank had intentionally, by misusing their power, with corrupt practice carried out in July 2017, being transaction on an invalid instrument; and also one of the Public Servant had himself authorized with the said invalid voucher/instrument and transferred the same in his own account.

3. Even though the allegation is serious in nature, we are constrained to observe that it is not open to the Lokpal to take note of that illegality in view of the mandate of Section 53 of the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013, which postulates that the Lokpal can consider allegations which are falling within seven years before the date of complaint. In the present case, the incident is of July 2017, whereas the complaint has been filed in October 2024. Hence, the same is time-barred.



4. Accordingly, the complaint is disposed of.
5. It is open to the complainant to pursue such other remedy, as may be permissible in law. We may not be understood to have expressed any opinion on the merits of the case in any manner.

Sd/-
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Member


(Court Master)

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