Lokpal of India Plot No. – 6, Vasant Kunj Institutional Area - Phase II New Delhi - 110070

Complaint No.

2486 & 2970/2022

Date

1st March 2023

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Justice Pradip Kumar Mohanty

Hon'ble Acting Chairperson

Shri Dinesh Kumar Jain

Member

Dr. Indrajeet P. Gautam

Member

ORDER

This matter was taken up by the Full Bench of the Lokpal held on 25.04.2022, and directed CVO, State Bank of India (SBI) to submit a Status Report within a period of six (06) weeks from the date of issue of the order, i.e. on or before 17.07.2022.

2. In the meanwhile, complainant vide email dated 02.06.2022 requested the Lokpal of India to cancel the complaint, i.e. Complaint No.2486/2022. Vide order dated 10.08.2022, the Full Bench discussed the matter regarding the request of the complainant to cancel the complaint No. 2486/2022. The Bench has passed an order that the Bench has taken cognizance of the matter, the complainant has no liberty to withdraw the complaint and directed the CVO, SBI to submit a status report within a period of four weeks i.e. on or before 22.09.2022, from the date of receipt of the order.



- 3. In response to the Full Bench Order date 25.04.2022 and 10.08.2022, CVO, SBI vide letter dated 14.06.2022, has furnished their status report. As per report of SBI, Bhopal Circle this matter was referred to the District Collector, Bhopal for confirming the genuiness of Caste Certificate of the person named in the complaint.
- 5. Subsequently, CVO, SBI vide letter dated 01.07.2022 and 23.08.2022, has enclosed the reply received from Anuvibhagiya Adhikari, Tehsil Huzoor, Bhopal mentioning that the caste certificate has not been found registered in their record as well as not been found registered in their outward registered. In view of the reply from Anuvibhagiya Adhikar, the genuineness of the certificate is doubtful, the matter has been forwarded to the High-Level Committee at Tribal Welfare Department, Bhopal for further investigation. CVO, SBI will submit the further development in the matter accordingly.
- 6. The Division Bench has gone through the complaints and the replies received from the CVO, SBI. The Bench is of the view that the subject matter of the complaint is not covered by the mandate provided to the Lokpal under the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013. Besides, there is no allegation of corruption in the complaint.
- 7. The Bench observed that the complaints in respect of false certificate for offering admission/jobs/other benefits etc. are being handled by National Commission for Schedule Tribes (NCST). As this complaint is for a false ST certificate, NCST being a constitutional body mandated to benefit Schedule

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Tribes, we may refer this case to NCST for necessary action at their end. The complainant is at liberty to pursue his grievance with the appropriate authorities.

The Registry is directed to take action accordingly.

Accordingly, the matter is disposed of.

COURT MASTER LOKPAL OF INDIA