LOKPAL OF INDIA

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

Complaint No.

:249/2024 (arsing out of Dy.No.2652024)

Date

06.12.2024

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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

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ORDER

- The complaint is placed before the Full Bench for consideration of the Scrutiny Report and to pass appropriate order. The complaint is against the District Inspector of Schools, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.
- 2. The Registry of the Lokpal has reported that in compliance of the Order dated 14.11.2024 of the Full Bench, the complainant vide letter dated 23.11.2024 has provided an identity proof and address proof, and has, therefore, cured the defects as stated in (i) and (ii) of para 3 of the said Order. Further, the Registry has reported that complainant has sent the unsigned Part A of the complaint form and has not sent the signed Part A and C of the complaint form. Thus, the defect specified in 3(iii) of the Order of the Full Bench, dated 14.11.2024, yet remains to be cured.
- 3. Despite giving opportunity to the complainant, vide order dated 14.11.2024, she has still not cured one defect. Even if we were to ignore that defect and proceed with the merits of the case, it is noticed that the complaint is against the District Inspector of Schools, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, who happens to be a State Government employee and not associated with the activities concerning the affairs of the Union. Thus understood, the District Inspector of Schools, Lucknow does not come within the sweep of Section 14 of the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013 (for short, the Act of 2013); and as a result of which, the Lokpal cannot proceed against him in light of the explicit jurisdiction bestowed upon the Lokpal to inquire into the allegations against the officials and dignitaries mentioned in Section 14 of the Act of 2013 alone.



- In other words, this complaint is untenable for want of jurisdiction and is disposed of accordingly.
- Needless to observe, it will be open to the complainant to pursue her grievance before an appropriate authority/forum, if so advised, and as may be permissible in law.

Sd/-(Justice A.M. Khanwilkar) Chairperson

Sd/-

(Justice L Narayana Swamy)

Judicial Member

Sd/-

(Sushil Chandra)

Member

Sd/-

(Pankaj Kumar)

Member

(Court Master)

Sd/-

(Justice Sanjay Yadav)

Judicial Member

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(Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi)

Judicial Member

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(Ajay Tirkey)

Member

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