

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

Complaint No. : **262/2024**

Date : **03.01.2025**

Coram : **Shri Justice A.M. Khanwilkar**
Chairperson

Shri Justice L. Narayana Swamy
Member

Shri Justice Sanjay Yadav
Member

Shri Sushil Chandra
Member

Shri Pankaj Kumar
Member

Shri Ajay Tirkey
Member

ORDER

1. For the reasons mentioned in the application under consideration, delay in rectifying the defects in the complaint stands condoned in terms of this order. Application for condonation of delay is accordingly disposed of.



2. Allegations in the complaint are that two (02) acres of government-leased land in the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)-Bokaro Steel Plant (BSP) were illegally and unlawfully transferred through a lease. It is alleged that the land was sold to private parties at a nominal rate of Rs.160 per sq. ft., resulting in substantial revenue loss to the government exchequer. It is further alleged that statutory procedures were not followed, and SAIL-BSP officials misused their power to show favoritism towards the lessee. The lessee is also accused of reselling the land at exorbitant rates and selling electricity at inflated prices. The entire transaction is alleged to be a criminal conspiracy involving officials, leading to gross financial and procedural irregularities.

3. Having perused the complaint and documents annexed therewith, we are of the considered opinion that the events referred to in the complaint pertain to year 2009 and even if a liberal approach is adopted, the last offending event is alleged to have taken place in the year 2016. In that view of the matter, we cannot exercise jurisdiction owing to the limitation of seven years prescribed in Section 53 of the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013.



4. Accordingly, the complaint deserves to be disposed of, as barred by limitation.
5. Ordered accordingly.

Sd/-
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(Court Master)

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