

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

Complaint No. : 277/2022.

Date : 5th April, 2023.

Coram : **Justice Abhilasha Kumari**
Judicial Member

Smt. Archana Ramasundaram
Member

Shri Mahender Singh
Member

ORDER

This matter has arisen from a complaint dated 27.10.2022, which was not in the prescribed format. The complainant levelled serious allegations against the concerned public servant, therefore, he was asked to resubmit his complaint in the prescribed format, which was done.

2. This complaint was, thereafter, considered by the Full Bench of the Lokpal of India, on 7.6.2022. Allegations of corruption, favoritism and irregularities were alleged in the recruitment process for appointment to teaching and non-teaching posts, in the Indira Gandhi National Tribal University (IGNTU), Amarkantak, Madhya Pradesh. The complainant had alleged that non-eligible candidates were selected in violation of the rules prescribed under the guidelines of recruitment and certain financial irregularities were also committed by the said Vice-



Chancellor in the construction of the quarters and buildings of the said University.

3. The Full Bench of the Lokpal of India, vide order dated 7.6.2022, referred the complaint to the Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Government of India, for submitting a Status Report to the Lokpal of India on, or before, 1.8.2022. A reminder was sent by the Registry of the Lokpal to the Secretary, Department of Higher Education vide letter dated D-12016/277/2022-Lokpal/3361 dated 21st October, 2022.

4. When the matter was placed before the Full Bench of the Lokpal of India on 1st March, 2023, the Full Bench noted, with displeasure, the inordinate delay in the submission of the Status Report by the Ministry concerned, in the order of that date. The Full Bench, therefore, directed that a copy of the order be sent to the Secretary, Department of Higher Education, conveying the displeasure of the Full Bench of the Lokpal of India, with directions to expedite the report so as to reach the office of the Lokpal of India on, or before, 15.03.2023, failing which the Secretary concerned shall be directed to appear in person to submit the report along with an explanation for this inordinate delay.

5. The Secretary, Department of Higher Education vide covering letter dated 13.3.2023, has now submitted a detailed report in the matter. After perusal of the same we find it to be a very detailed one. Each of the allegations levelled by the complainant have been separately discussed, and detailed reasons for each one of them, have been given.



6. After perusal of the Status Report, we find no reason for pursuing the matter any further. No further action is warranted by the Lokpal of India.

7. However, it is stated in the Status Report that a complaint of a similar nature had been filed by the complainant in the Hon'ble High Court of Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh, vide Writ Petition No. 12072/2019. The Hon'ble High Court, Jabalpur has dismissed the case, stating that the petition lacks merit.

8. We are constrained to note that this fact has not been mentioned by the complainant, which ought to have been done.

9. For the above reasons, no further order is required to be passed by the Lokpal of India and the complaint stands closed and disposed of.



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