

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

Complaint No. : 29/2025 (arising out of Dy.No. 0182025)

Date : 31.01.2025

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

Shri Justice L. Narayana Swamy
Member

Shri Justice Sanjay Yadav
Member

Shri Sushil Chandra
Member

Shri Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi
Member

Shri Pankaj Kumar
Member

Shri Ajay Tirkey
Member

ORDER

1. The complaint dated 15.01.2025 is against high officials (named in the complaint) of the Commissioner, Department of Agriculture, Pune, Maharashtra.
2. The Registry of the Lokpal has pointed out the following defects in its Scrutiny Report dated 20.01.2025:



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- a. *The name of the accused public servant has not been mentioned in the serial No.1 of the Part-C of the complaint form.*
- b. *The complainant has not stated about the post held by the public servant at the time of commission of alleged offence under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. ”*

3. We condone the defects mentioned in the Scrutiny Report and proceed further with the complaint.
4. The complaint is against the Commissioner, Department of Agriculture, Pune, Maharashtra. From the statement of allegations annexed, it could be inferred that the complainant has alleged that during the complainant's tenure as an Assistant Manager of National Seeds Corporation Limited, he supplied seeds to the Maharashtra State Agriculture Department but till date the accrued amount for the supplying of seeds has not been released in full by the Maharashtra State Agriculture Department.
5. The complainant has also alleged that the outstanding balance of the accrued amount has been recovered from his retirement benefit.
6. After perusing the complaint, it seems that the grievance of the complainant is essentially about recovery made from his retirement benefits. That grievance would not come within the



purview of offence of corruption within the meaning of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. In any case, the act of commission and omission as alleged pertain to year 2016 for which reason as per Section 53 of the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013, it will not be open to Lokpal to entertain this complaint, being barred by limitation.

7. Taking any view of the matter, therefore, this complaint is not tenable and the same is disposed of.

Sd/-
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(Court Master)

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