

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

Complaint No. : 2985 & 4469 of 2022

Date : 30.05.2024

Coram : **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

ORDER

This complaint is against the Dy.GM, HPCL, alleging that the allotment of the Petrol Pump was cancelled by him for not fulfilling the demand of bribe by the complainant.



2. The Full Bench vide order dated 18.05.2022 directed to send a copy of the complaint to CMD, HPCL for his comments to be submitted by 27.06.2022. The CMD vide letter dated 21.06.2022 submitted as under :-

“HPCL Vigilance Department have conducted preliminary enquiry and based on the preliminary findings, have been directed to conduct further investigation in the matter. Accordingly, further investigation in the matter is in progress”

After considering the above comments, the Full Bench vide Order dated 10.08.2022 directed CMD to complete the investigation in four weeks. The CMD, HPCL vide his letter dated 19.09.2022 submitted that the investigation in this matter has been completed by HPCL Vigilance Department and during the investigation some inconsistencies were observed on the part of the officers of the HPCL and based on the recommendation of the CVO, HPCL, departmental action is being initiated against the officers which includes major penalty on two senior officers of HPCL. The Division Bench also directed to submit the responses of the concerned RPSs which were submitted before the Bench and duly considered. The Bench further directed to complete the Disciplinary Proceedings against the RPSs expeditiously.



3. After seeking various extensions of time, the Executive Director, HPCL has submitted vide letter dated 22.05.2024 that the Disciplinary Proceedings have been completed against both the RPSs and it was informed that based on the findings of the Enquiry Officer following major penalties have been imposed on both the RPSs :-

“Reduction to two lower stage in the time scale of pay for a period of one year, with a further direction that the Officer will not earn increments of pay during the period of such reduction and on the expiry of such period, the reduction will have the effect of postponing the future increments of pay” upon him in terms of Clause B-2(a), Part-II of the Conduct, Discipline & Appeal Rules applicable to the Management Employees of the Corporation”

4. The Full Bench considered the Action Taken Report submitted by the HPCL against the RPSs. In view of the fact that Disciplinary Action of imposing major penalty has been taken against the concerned RPSs, no



further action is required in this matter. Therefore, we order for closure of the proceedings in this case. The complaint is disposed of accordingly.


(Court Master)