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

Complaint No.

3123/2022.

Date

9th February, 2023.

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Justice Abhilasha Kumari

Judicial Member

Smt. Archana Ramasundaram

Member

Shri Mahender Singh

Member

ORDER

This complaint is directed against a Junior Engineer of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD). It is alleged that the said public servant is involved in corrupt activities by facilitating illegal construction within his jurisdiction. He has given the details of the property in which such construction is being permitted to take place.

- 2. The complaint was considered by the Full Bench of the Lokpal of India on 01.11.2022. By an order of that date, the complaint was directed to be forwarded to the Commissioner, MCD, for submitting a Status Report, on or before, 09.12.2022.
- 3. A Status Report dated 08.12.2022 was submitted on behalf of the MCD. This report was perused and considered by the Division Bench on 22.12.2022. It was observed by the Division Bench that, from the report, it appears that one room was constructed in an unauthorized manner at the fourth floor of the

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property in question. Demolition and sealing proceedings were initiated against the unauthorized construction. The Status Report mentioned that the site position of the property bearing F-1/118, Lajpat Nagar, does not match with the contents of the booking done by the MCD. A clarification of the same is reported to have been sought from the concerned officers.

- 4. Therefore, vide order dated 22.12.2022, the Division Bench directed the Commissioner, MCD, to personally look into the matter and send a complete and clear report to the Lokpal of India within four weeks from the date of receipt of the order.
- 5. In compliance of the above order, a report dated 01.02.2023 has been submitted by the MCD. It is stated in the report that the property at F-1/117, Lajpat Nagar-1, New Delhi was inspected and it was found that the structure at the fourth floor, in the shape of one room and toilet, does not form a part of the sanctioned plan and is unauthorized. Fresh demolition and sealing proceedings have been initiated on 02.12.2022. Photographs have been attached in support of this contention.
- 6. It is further stated in the report that notice was issued to the then concerned officials who had initiated demolition and sealing proceedings dated 28.10.2021, with the wrong address of the property i.e. F-1/118, Lajpat Nagar-I. The Competent Authority has observed that the explanation filed by them is unsatisfactory and has directed that a warning be issued to them for lapses on their part, which has been done.
- 7. We have perused the complaint, Status Report and the material on record. It appears that appropriate steps have been



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initiated by the MCD for the demolition of the illegal and unauthorised structure. We also notice that no material has been placed on record by the complainant regarding the allegations of corruption levelled by him.

- 8. In view of the above, we are of the view that nothing further is required to be done by the Lokpal of India, in this matter.
- 9. Accordingly, the complaint is closed and the matter is disposed of.

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