

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

Complaint No. : 40 / 2025

Date : 21.03.2025

Coram : Shri Justice A.M. Khanwilkar
Chairperson

Shri Justice L. Narayana Swamy
Member

Shri Justice Sanjay Yadav
Member

Shri Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi
Member

Shri Pankaj Kumar
Member

Shri Ajay Tirkey
Member

ORDER

1. The complaint is against (i) Chief Commissioner of Customs, Bangalore Customs Zone, Bangalore and (ii) Additional Commissioner of Customs, Airport & Air Cargo Complex, Bangalore and (iii) Other Unknown Public Servants (Group A & B).



2. The complainant has alleged that the said public servants entertain and encourage bribery/extortion and facilitate smuggling of contraband goods at the Bangalore International Airport (Passenger Terminal) by controlling and placing their subordinates at sensitive locations to facilitate collection of bribes from the passengers arriving from abroad. It has been alleged that an amount is set by them as weekly target which is then shared amongst the officials. It has been further alleged that the said public servants have made arrangements with many international smugglers/carriers of contraband goods. The complainant has prayed for a raid to be conducted on the said public servants at 8 a.m. at airport premises when they would be having the bribe amount with them.
3. This complaint was placed before the Bench on 28.02.2025 wherein it was observed that the complaint did not reveal the acts of commission or omission constituting offence of corruption within the meaning of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. However, by way of giving one opportunity to the complainant, we called upon the complainant to furnish better particulars regarding offence of corruption so as to enable us to take the matter forward as per law.



4. In compliance with this Order dated 28.02.2025, the complainant, vide letter dated 11.03.2025, has submitted additional information wherein he has narrated the modus-operandi used by the named public servants to collect the bribe amounts. He has stated that a raid be carried out on customs officials at Bangalore Airport. He has also levelled allegation of bribe against a Superintendent of Customs at Bangalore International Airport and has stated that the said named public servant be closely monitored as he is allegedly an influential and corrupt person.
5. Having perused the complaint and the additional information furnished by the complainant, we observe that the complainant has neither cited any specific instance when the named public servants indulged in commission or omission of offence of corruption; nor has he attached any documentary evidence in support of his allegations of corruption against the said public servants, within the meaning of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. It would result in a roving inquiry, not specific to particular event. Therefore, we are of the considered opinion that action by the Lokpal of India under the provisions of the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013 is not warranted in the matter.



6. Accordingly, the complaint is disposed of. The disposal of this complaint will, however, not preclude the complainant to pursue other appropriate remedies, as may be advised and permissible in law.

Sd/-
(Justice A.M. Khanwilkar)
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(Court Master)

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