

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

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Complaint No. : 4102/2022

Date : 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2023

**Coram** : **Justice Pradip Kumar Mohanty**  
**Hon'ble Acting Chairperson**

**Shri Dinesh Kumar Jain**  
**Member**

**Shri Mahender Singh**  
**Member**

**ORDER**


Perused the Preliminary Inquiry report dated 07.02.2023 from CVC enclosing with it, a report from Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). The report of ICAR is dated 01<sup>st</sup> February, 2023.

2. The complainant in his complaint dated 30.06.2022 had alleged irregularities in the sale of Cocoa Pods by one of the farms located in Karnataka belonging to an ICAR Institute. The complainant has furnished some evidence with regard to the discrepancy in pods harvested and the sales made. He has also alleged violation of the guidelines with regard to sale of Cocoa Pods as well as fabrication of documents and records.

3. The Full Bench vide order dated 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2022, had referred the matter to CVC for a Preliminary Inquiry in this matter. The Preliminary Inquiry report dated 07.02.2023 has been received in compliance of this order.

4. The Inquiry report has concluded that there is no corruption or financial mismanagement in the sale of Cocoa Pods, though procedural lapses have been observed in maintenance of Harvest/Stock/Sales registers of cocoa seeds Pods.

5. After perusing the Inquiry report, the Division Bench decided to leave this matter to the competent Authority for taking appropriate steps.
6. The complaint is accordingly disposed of.

  
Court Master  
Lokpal of India

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