

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

Complaint No. : 4388/2022

Date : 20 February, 2023

Coram : **Justice Pradip Kumar Mohanty**
Acting Chairperson

Shri Dinesh Kumar Jain
Member

Shri Mahender Singh
Member

ORDER

Perused the complaint.

The complainant has alleged that certain public servants working with Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd. (NPCIL) have submitted fake birth certificates for their wards and are availing undue benefits like paternity leave, CHSS benefits, hospital facilities, LTC and Children Education Allowance, etc. He has complained against these public servants to the authorities of Atomic Energy Education Society (AEES) and NPCIL but no action has been taken by these authorities.

After considering the contents of the complaint, the full Bench of Lokpal of India vide Order dated 19.09.2022, directed that the matter may be referred to CVC for obtaining a status report from the concerned authority within a period of six weeks i.e. on or before 04.11.2022.

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In compliance with the aforesaid Order of the Full Bench of Lokpal, CVC, vide letter dated 11.11.2022 has submitted a Status Report. CVC have enclosed a copy of the report of the CVO, Department of Atomic Energy received by them vide letter dated 02.11.2022.

The Division Bench perused the Status Report submitted by the Department of Atomic Energy through CVC. It has been found that the allegations levelled in the complaint about the discrepancies in the dates of birth of wards of 7 officials were found to be substantiated though no undue benefits have been availed. Allegations in respect of ward of one official could not be established. It has been informed in the Status Report that the delinquent officials have been issued warning letters to be more careful in future. In the CVO's recommendations, it has been informed that the discrepancies highlighted the need of systemic improvement. Based on the observations and recommendations, systemic improvements have already been taken by NPCIL to curb the malpractice for submission of fake birth certificates in NPCIL and AEC schools. A detailed system improvement has already been incorporated for verification of the credentials through the parent organisation.

In para 9.5 of the recommendations of the CVO, it has been informed that it was observed that no stringent action has been taken by the concerned authorities except issuing warning letters. Therefore, NPCIL is being instructed to initiate disciplinary proceedings against the delinquent officials. NPCIL is also being instructed to reopen the past similar cases, if any, where penalty has not been imposed and initiate disciplinary proceedings in such cases also. The said instructions are reported to have been conveyed to NPCIL by the Department vide their Note dated 02.11.2022.

After having considered the Status Report, the Division Bench in its Order dated 23.12.2022 directed that CVC may obtain an Action Taken

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Report on the recommendations of the CVO from the Department of Atomic Energy and submit the same to the Lokpal Secretariat within a period of four weeks i.e. on or before 27.01.2023.

In compliance with the aforementioned Order dated 23.12.2022 of the Division Bench, CVC vide their letter dated 07.02.2023 have submitted a report, enclosing therewith a status report obtained from the Vigilance Section, Department of Atomic Energy, Govt. of India. In the said report, it has been informed that the CVO, NPCIL has conveyed that action for initiating disciplinary proceedings against the delinquent officials has been initiated by the HR Directorate of NPCIL.

In view of the report informing that appropriate action against the delinquent officials has already been initiated by the concerned authorities, we do not wish to proceed further in the matter.

Accordingly, the complaint stands disposed of.


(COURT MASTER)
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