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

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Complaint No(s).

4436/2022

Date

19th April, 2023.

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Shri Justice Pradip Kumar Mohanty

**Acting Chairperson** 

Smt. Justice Abhilasha Kumari

**Judicial Member** 

Shri Dinesh Kumar Jain

Member.

Smt. Archana Ramasundaram

Member

Shri Mahender Singh

Member

## ORDER

The complaint is against an official of All India Radio / Prasar Bharati. Among the allegations that have been made against this official are:-

- (i) Irregularities in awarding of tenders/ contracts;
- (ii) Submitting a fake degree;
- (iii) Irregularities in the mode of payment (not making payment through digital mode as mandated);
- (iv) Payment made despite works not having been done;
- (v) Irregularities in release of Performance Guarantee;
- (vi) Irregularities in payment of overtime;

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- 2. The Full Bench had considered this matter on 19.09.2022 and vide an Order of the same date, the complainant was directed to furnish certain information with respect to the allegations that he had made in his complaint.
- In our Order dated 19.09.2022 it was observed that many of the tenders in respect of which the complainant has made allegations of corruption were floated in the year 2012-13 or prior to that. These are barred by limitation as provided in Section 53 of the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013. It was also observed that the complainant had also annexed a list of works awarded during the period from January, 2018 to August, 2020 along with the names of the contractors and their addresses. However, from the documents annexed with the complaint, it was observed that in respect of these works (works awarded from January, 2018 to August, 2020), there are no allegations and only a list of works had been submitted by the complainant. Therefore, it was not clear as to what are the allegations with respect to the works that were awarded during the period from January, 2018 to August, 2020. In view thereof, the complainant was directed to furnish information relating to the allegations, listing very clearly the name of the works, the year of commission of alleged irregularity, the type of irregularity, whether the allegation is a part of the complaint filed with the CVC and any other information that he may wish to provide which will help the Lokpal of India to proceed in this matter. The complainant was given a period of six (06) weeks to furnish the required information.
- 4. In accordance with the directions of the Full Bench, a letter was issued by the Registry of the Lokpal of India on 28.09.2022 wherein the complainant was directed to furnish the required information. As no communication was received from the complainant, a reminder was issued by the Registry on 02.03.2023. The Registry has reported that no response has been received from the complainant despite the reminder.
- 5. It is observed that all the works in respect of which specific allegations have been made were tendered/awarded prior to 2012-13. Information has



been sought from the complainant for work orders not barred by limitation. However, this information is not coming forth from the complainant. Further, the complainant has mentioned that complaint in this regard has been filed in the CVC also. Therefore, we do not wish to proceed any further in this matter. Hence, no order needs to be passed in this case.

- 6. However, as the allegations are specific and the matter has already been reported to the Central Vigilance Commission (as mentioned by the complainant in his letter), these papers be sent to CVC for necessary action at their end.
- 7. Registry, Lokpal of India is directed to take action accordingly.
- 8.. With these observations, the complaint is disposed of.

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