

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

Complaint No. : 4454/2022

Date : March 28, 2024.

Coram : **Shri Justice A.M. Khanwilkar**
Chairperson

Shri Justice Sanjay Yadav
Judicial Member

Shri Sushil Chandra,
Member

Shri Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi
Judicial Member

Shri Pankaj Kumar
Member

Shri Ajay Tirkey
Member

ORDER

This case arises from Complaint No. 4454/2022, dated 08.09.2022. The complainant has made allegations against the officials of the State Bank of India for committing gross irregularities and fraud in the sanction and disbursement of loans to a particular firm.

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2. In this regard, orders were passed by the Lokpal of India from time to time, including to direct the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) to conduct a Preliminary Inquiry and submit a Report, vide Order dated 30.11.2022. The Preliminary Inquiry Report indicated that the nature of the allegations and the material gathered during the Inquiry does not indicate any complicity of the Respondent Public Servants (RPSs), warranting initiation of criminal action qua them.

3. Nevertheless, CVC was directed to cause initiation of disciplinary proceeding against the RPSs and also to submit status report in that regard to the Registry of the Lokpal of India, vide Order dated 21.11.2023.

4. Vide Office Memorandum (OM) dated 19.02.2024, CVC has stated that the Commission has tendered its First Stage Advice (FSA) on 12.02.2024, advising CVO, State Bank of India to initiate major penalty proceedings against 03 officers and action under Non-Vigilance against 02 officers.

5. In light of the above, nothing more needs to be done at this stage by us except to direct the Chairman, State Bank of India to send periodical Status Report regarding the progress of the proceedings through CVC; and to conclude the departmental proceedings preferably within six (06) months, as predicated in the concerned rules.

6. The matter be posted after six months (i.e., on 04.10.2024) before the Full Bench

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and/or in the following week after receipt of the Status Report from the State Bank of India through CVC, whichever is earlier.

7. The complaint is disposed of with directions as noted hitherto.


(Court Master)