

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

Complaint No. : 4478/2022

Date : 01st March, 2023

Coram : **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

Dr. Indrajeet Prasad Gautam
Member

ORDER

Perused the complaint alleging irregularities in framing the Estate Policy of New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) called 'Estate Policy 2016'. Although the complaint is not in the format prescribed under the Lokpal (Complaint) Rules, 2020, it was decided to consider the complaint and take a decision thereupon on merits.

2. The complainant has alleged that the "Estate Policy - 2016" is in violation of the provisions of the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) Act, Hon'ble Supreme Court Orders and the findings of the Pathak Committee in its report of July, 2015. The said Committee was constituted by the Ministry of Home Affairs. The complainant has alleged that the action taken by some officers of NDMC has led to a loss of about Rs.500 crores to the public exchequer and this is done with ulterior motives and for personal gains. It is also been alleged that the said policy was drafted in connivance with the prominent shopkeepers and other NDMC Markets' representatives.



3. We have perused the said complaint and the annexures attached with the complaint. We observed that the complainant has alleged that the said policy is in violation of the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and also in violation of the NDMC Act. The allegations of corruption are very vague and without any evidence. If the complainant feels that the policy that has been framed is in violation of the NDMC Act and Hon'ble Supreme Court Orders, he may approach appropriate authorities for the redressal of his grievance.

4. As regards allegations of corruption, the Bench observed that the allegations are very general and lack any evidence. In the absence of any specific details or any evidence, it would not be appropriate for Lokpal of India to proceed further under the provisions of the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013.

5. However, the complaint along with all the documents annexed may be sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs for necessary action.

6. Registry, Lokpal of India is directed to take action accordingly.

7. With these observations, the complaint is disposed of.

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