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

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Complaint No.

4480/2022

Date

24th February, 2023.

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Justice Pradip Kumar Mohanty

Acting Chairperson

Shri Dinesh Kumar Jain

Member

Shri Mahender Singh

Member

## <u>ORDER</u>

Perused the report from Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) dated 06.02.2023 enclosing therewith a copy of the Status Report from CVO, Chennai Port Authority dated 18.01.2023 in compliance with the Order of the Full Bench dated 30.11.2022 in respect of Complaint No.4480/2022.

- 2. The complainant has alleged illegal occupation of Port Premises by one employee of Chennai Port Authority. It was alleged that this employee has been in possession of a room with electricity and water facilities for the past twenty (20) years and has not paid any rent, electricity charges and water charges. It was also alleged that the Unions were occupying Port Premises. The complainant alleged that he had sought information from the PIO with regard to allotments of Port Premises to the Unions, but he was furnished incorrect information viz. that Chennai Port Authority has not made any allotment to the Trade Unions in the Port Premises. It appears that the complainant had earlier approached CVC, Ministry of Shipping as well as CVO, Chennai Port Trust, but his complaint was not appropriately addressed.
- 3. When the matter was considered by the Full Bench on 30.11.2022, vide an Order of the same date, it was decided to call for a Status Report from the CVO, Chennai Port Authority through CVC and in compliance with this Order, the report has been received.

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- From the report, it is seen that the Administration had taken a decision to provide accommodation to the Unions at a normal fee apart from electricity and water charges. It is also seen that the allotment order was issued on 22.09.2022 to give effect to this decision. It appears that even though the allotment order was issued in the month of September 2021, actual possession was handed over in November 2022. From the report, it is also seen that the complainant had filed a Writ Petition in March 2022 in the Hon'ble High Court of Madras requesting for quashing the order of allotment and also for collecting the arrears of rent from the date of the occupation. The said case appears to be pending before the Hon'ble High The report clearly states that the contention of the Court of Madras. complainant that Office Supdt. of Chennai Port Authority is in illegal occupation of Port Premises and he is in possession of one room with electricity and water facilities for the past 20 years is only an assumption of the complainant.
- 5. In view of the clear findings of the CVO, Chennai Port Authority in this matter, we are not inclined to proceed further in this matter. Hence, no order needs to be passed in this matter.
- 6. Accordingly, the complaint is disposed of.

Court Master Lokpal of India