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

Complaint Nos.

4499/2022.

Date

January 18, 2023.

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Justice Pradip Kumar Mohanty

Hon'ble Acting Chairperson

Justice Abhilasha Kumari

Judicial Member

Shri Dinesh Kumar Jain

Member

Smt. Archana Ramasundaram

Member

Shri Mahender Singh,

Member.

Dr. Indrajeet P.Gautam

Member

ORDER

Perused the complaint.

- 2. This complaint is not specifically addressed to the Lokpal of India. The name of the public servant against whom the complaint is directed is also not mentioned. It appears that the public servant concerned is a Manager in the Punjab National Bank (PNB).
- 3. The complainant is aggrieved as, according to him, he purchased a plot from the PNB in auction, upon which there was already a mortgage. Besides, the possession of the plot was not handed over to him, resulting in heavy loss to the complainant.
- 4. The complainant has sent a legal notice dt. 22/12/2018 to the Bank through his advocate, a copy of which is annexed to the complaint. A perusal of the said notice shows that the complainant



was the highest bidder in an action for property under the SARFESI Act, 2002 and purchased the property in question scheduled by the PNB.

- 5. The physical possession of the said property has not been delivered to the complainant. The complainant asserts that the PNB sold the property that had a previous mortgage on it to the complainant, knowingly, resulting in a heavy loss to him.
- 6. The subject-matter of the complaint does not fall under the mandate of the Lokpal as per the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013. There is no angle of corruption involved in the transaction that took place under the SARFESI Act, 2002. The complainant can approach the appropriate court/forum, for the redressal of his grievances, if he so desires.
- 7. Accordingly, the complaint stands disposed of.

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