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

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Complaint No.

4512/2022.

Date

Ist June, 2023.

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Justice Abhilasha Kumari

**Judicial Member** 

Smt. Archana Ramasundaram

Member

Shri Mahender Singh

Member

## **ORDER**

This complaint has been filed against an Information Commissioner and a Central Information Commissioner, both of whom have not been named by the complainant in the complaint.

2. The allegations levelled by the complainant are to the effect that allegedly false and fraudulent orders have been passed and judicial proceedings have been conducted without notice to the complainant. It is further alleged that the public servants concerned are allegedly conspiring with "fraudsters", as are the CAG and auditors as well as public servants of Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER) and North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation Ltd (NERAMAC) and are aiding and abetting the alleged wrongdoings. The complainant has failed to mention the names of any of the concerned public servants, though the numbers of the cases in which such orders have purportedly been passed, have been

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mentioned. It is stated by the complainant that loss is being caused to the people of India and to himself by the passing of such orders.

- 3. The complaint was considered by the Full Bench of the Lokpal of India on 18.01.2023 and the matter was referred to the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) for submission of a Status Report. After availing extension of time, the CVC has submitted the Status Report dated 02.05.2023 vide covering letter dated 15.05.2023.
- 4. We have perused the Status Report and considered its contents. Both the allegations levelled by the complainant, namely: (i) conduct of judicial proceedings without notice to the complainant and (ii) passing of false and vitiated orders by the Information Commissioners have been dealt with. No instance of corruption by any public servant, at any level has been observed. The conclusion arrived at in the Status Report submitted by the CVC is as follows:
- "The Central Information Commission is entrusted with hearing of Second Appeals/Complaints filed in accordance with the Right to Information Act (RTI Act), 2005. The Information Commissioners have issued the order on the Second Appeals of the complainant in exercise of powers conferred by the RTI Act, 2005. The orders of the Commission, being quasi-judicial in nature cannot be commented upon and the aggrieved party is at liberty to challenge the Commission's order in appropriate judicial forum. The hearings were conducted after giving due opportunity to both the parties, hence, no malafide intention at any level has been observed".

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- 5. We are in agreement with the above conclusion. It may be relevant to add that the RTI Act, 2005, is a code in itself. If any person, including the complainant, is aggrieved by the orders passed under it, the remedy is available in the Act itself. The Lokpal of India will neither interfere, nor comment upon such matters, in the absence of any allegations of corruption, or evidence in this regard. Both are absent in the present complaint.
- 6. In view of the above, we are not inclined to take any further action in this matter.
- 7. Accordingly, the complaint is closed and disposed of.

COURT MASTER, LOKPAL OF INDIA.

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