

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

Complaint No. : 46/2023
Date : 4th May, 2023.
Coram : Justice Abhilasha Kumari
Judicial Member

Smt. Archana Ramasundaram
Member

Shri Mahender Singh
Member

ORDER

This complaint is directed against six public servants serving in the Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC). The allegations levelled by the complainant are regarding the alleged undue delay in sanctioning and paying the subsidy to him which, according to him, has been done with the malafide intention by the concerned public servants. It is further alleged that the complainant was subjected to three surveys by the concerned public servants and his request under the Right to Information Act (RTI) for providing information was not properly replied to.

2. This complaint was considered by the Full Bench of the Lokpal of India on 01.03.2023. Vide an order of that date, the Full Bench referred the complaint to the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) for obtaining the Status Report from the concerned office on, or before, 21.04.2023. Accordingly, the Status Report has been forwarded by the CVC vide their letter dated 21.04.2023, which has been submitted by the Vigilance Unit, KVIC vide their letter dated 13.04.2023.

3. We have perused the Status Report and the enclosed annexures. The Report reveals the stages of process flow and the online sanctioning



of the subsidy. It is stated in the report that the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) application of the complainant and the approval process is through online software and, therefore, human intervention is minimal. The material on record appears to substantiate this aspect. We find no malafide intention in the process of paying subsidy to the complainant, as has been alleged.

4. It further appears that the time taken for physical verification of the unit of the complainant was 4 months and 12 days after completion of the locking period and the Margin Money Adjustment letter was issued on 21.02.2022. It is stated that this happened mainly due to the intervening policy change.

5. Further, it is seen that the complainant has not levelled any allegation of corruption against any of the public servants named. As we find no extraneous reasons for delay in payment of subsidy or any malafide intention for the delay in the release of the subsidy of the complainant, we consider it appropriate to close the complaint, on the basis of the Status Report.

6. Accordingly, the complaint stands disposed of.



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