Lokpal of India Plot No.6, Vasant Kunj Institutional Area – Phase-II New Delhi – 110070

Complaint No.

:46/2025 (arising out of Dy. Nos. 552025,

562025, 582025 & 602025)

Date

28.02.2025

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Shri Justice A.M. Khanwilkar

Chairperson

Shri Justice L. Narayana Swamy

Member

Shri Sushil Chandra

Member

Shri Pankaj Kumar

Member

Shri Ajay Tirkey

Member

<u>ORDER</u>

- 1. The complaint dated 13.02.2025 & 15.02.2025 is against Panchayat Sachiv of Village Simri of Buxar District in the state of Bihar.
- 2. The Registry of the Lokpal has pointed out the following defect in its Scrutiny Report dated 18.02.2025
 - a. "The complainant has not enclosed a notarized affidavit with the complaint; only an unsigned proforma of affidavit generated by the LokpalOnline

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portal has been uploaded with reference to Diary No.562025, 582025 and 602025, whereas in Diary No.552025, the complainant has enclosed a signed affidavit generated by LokpalOnline portal, with the complaint.

- b. It appears that the complainant has mentioned his own name in Serial No.1 of Part-C of all four complaints.
- c. The complainant has not provided the post held by the public servant at the time of the commission of the alleged offense under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 as per S.No.8 of Part-C of the complaint form.
- d. The complainant has not attached any statement of allegations in the complaints bearing Diary No.562025 and 582025, whereas the statement of allegations enclosed with the complaint bearing Diary No.552025 & 602025 is not signed.
- e. The complaint has been received through LokpalOnline portal, however, the physical copy of the same has not been received (Due date 05.03.2025 for Diary No.562025 & 582025 and 07.03.2025 for Diary No.602025). Since the parts of the complaint form are generated by the LokpalOnline portal, the same are unsigned. The complaint bearing Diary No.552025 has been received through the post".
- 3. As a procedural practice, usually we grant two weeks' time to cure the defects. But in the instant case, the allegation is against the public servants of the State of Bihar. Even if time is granted to cure the defects, it will be an exercise in futility.



- 4. As the Public servant is working under the control of the State, they do not come within the ambit of Section 14 of the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013.
- 5. Accordingly, the complaint is closed and disposed of as being beyond the jurisdiction of the Lokpal.
- 6. The complainant is free to pursue the grievances made in this complaint by taking recourse to such other remedies, as may be permissible in law.

Sd/-(Justice A.M. Khanwilkar) Chairperson

Sd/-(Justice L. Narayana Swamy) Member Sd/-(Sushil Chandra) Member

Sd/-(Pankaj Kumar) Member Sd/-(Ajay Tirkey) Member

(Court Master)

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