

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

Complaint No. : 68 / 2024

Date : 28.05.2024

Coram : **Shri Justice A M Khanwilkar**
Chairperson

Shri Justice L Narayana Swamy
Judicial Member

Shri Justice Sanjay Yadav
Judicial Member

Shri Sushil Chandra
Member

Shri Pankaj Kumar
Member

Shri Ajay Tirkey
Member

ORDER

1. The complaint is against a Junior Football Coach of Sports Department, Chandigarh Administration and SDE, Engineering Department, Chandigarh Administration. The complainant has alleged that despite



spending Rs.10-12 crores in the name of modernisation of the football ground in Sector 17, Chandigarh, it is no longer usable and functional. The complainant has alleged that the corruption was overseen by the aforementioned public servants.

2. This complaint was placed before the Full Bench of the Lokpal of India on 19.04.2024. Vide Order of the same date, the Full Bench referred the complaint to the Administrator, U.T. Chandigarh *“to facilitate him to cause an Inquiry and to send Report in the matter to reach the Office of the Lokpal of India within four weeks from the date of receipt of the Order, i.e. on or before 24.05.2024”*. In compliance with this Order, a report dated NIL from Sports Department, Chandigarh Administration, was received by the Office of the Lokpal in the morning of 24.05.2024. The matter was placed before the Full Bench on the same day and as the Report was to be examined, the matter was listed for 28.05.2024.

3. We have perused the Report and the enclosed documents including the photographs sent by the Sports Department, Chandigarh Administration, which has the approval of the Administrator, U.T. Chandigarh.



4. The Report has adverted to all the relevant facts dating back to the policy decision taken in 2006 and the compelling reasons for modifying that decision and to convert the area into a public park with all other related sports facilities. In that, the original idea for upgrading the existing football ground of international level stadia, the change had necessitated owing to evolving situation and that change has been brought about with the approval upto the highest level in the Administration, including the Chandigarh Heritage Conservation Committee. The photographs appended to the Report clearly depict the prevailing ground situation including of the developed areas which are being regularly used by the public at large for the sports related activities.

5. We hasten to add that the complaint is a classic case for proceeding against the complainant for having made false, frivolous and vexatious allegations. That has been done intentionally and without due verification of the relevant facts. This cannot be countenanced. In fact, such complainants are amenable to action under Section 46 of the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013, which must be kept in mind by all concerned.



6. Accordingly, the complaint is disposed of.


(Court Master)