

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

Complaint No. : **71/2025 (arising out of Dy.No.1402025)**

Date : **04.04.2025**

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

Shri Justice L. Narayana Swamy
Member

Shri Justice Sanjay Yadav
Member

Shri Sushil Chandra
Member

Shri Pankaj Kumar
Member

Shri Ajay Tirkey
Member

ORDER

1. The complaint dated 25.03.2025 is made against the

Panchayat Development Officer (PDO), Rural Development

Department (Gramin Abhiruddi Elake). Marabbihalu, Bellary,

Karnataka. It is observed from the scrutiny report that the facts mentioned in the Complaint Form appear to be vague in nature and specific allegations cannot be deduced from the Complaint Form.

2. The Registry of the Lokpal has pointed out the following defect in its Scrutiny Report dated 26.03.2025:

- a. *"The complainant has neither enclosed the signed statement of allegation nor provided summary of fact/ allegations alongwith the complaint form.*
- b. *The complainant has not enclosed the signed and duly notarized affidavit on non-judicial stamp paper.*
- c. *The complaint has been received through LokpalOnline portal, however, the physical copy of the same has not been received (Due date 12.04.2025). Since the parts of the complaint form are generated by LokpalOnline portal the ame are unsigned."*

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 Karnataka. Even if time is granted to cure the defects, it will be an exercise in futility.



4. As the Public servants are working under the control of the State or for the State and have no causal connection with the affairs of the Union of India, 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. The complainant is at liberty to approach appropriate forum for redressal of his grievances.

Sd/-
(Justice A.M. Khanwilkar)
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(Court Master)

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