

LOKPAL OF INDIA

**Plot No. 6, Institutional Area, Phase- II
Vasant Kunj
New Delhi - 110070**

Complaint No. : 83/2023
Date : 28th March, 2023
Coram : **Justice Pradip Kumar Mohanty**
Acting Chairperson
Justice Abhilasha Kumari
Judicial Member
Shri Dinesh Kumar Jain
Member
Smt. Archana Ramasundaram
Member
Shri Mahender Singh
Member
Dr. Indrajeet Prasad Gautam
Member

ORDER

The matter has arisen out of a complaint filed against the functionaries of the Gram Panchayat in Village Utara, District Hardoi, Uttar Pradesh.

2. The complainant has enclosed a copy of the letter addressed to the Hon'ble Lokayukta, Uttar Pradesh, wherein he has alleged that the Panchayat Sachiv and Panchayat Mitra of the said village demanded an amount of Rs.10,000/- for transferring Rs.40,000/- to his account from his deceased wife's account. He has stated that the said amount was deposited into his wife's account by the Government as first instalment for construction of a house. He has alleged that this amount was returned to the Government by the Gram Sachiv declaring him as 'non-deserving' as he refused to pay the demanded amount of Rs.10000/- even though he was declared eligible for the said amount by the Block Development Officer (BDO) of the said village.

3. The complainant has alleged that the Gram Sachiv in connivance with the Gram Pradhan credited the first instalment of Rs.40000/- to another person in

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the said village who already owns a double-storey house and thus was not eligible for receiving the amount. A copy of the list of 15 beneficiaries, including the name of the said person, issued by the BDO under the Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana - Gramin (PMAYG) has been enclosed by him. He has further alleged that an amount of Rs.10000/- or Rs.15000/- is being taken by the said officials from the beneficiaries.

4. From the perusal of the complaint and the documents enclosed, it appears that the complainant has been filing complaints with the 'Jansunwai-Samadhan' (Integrated Grievance Redressal System) portal of the Uttar Pradesh Government and the BDO of the said village. He has also approached the Hon'ble Lokayukta, Uttar Pradesh.

5. As PMAYG is an important initiative of the Government of India in which affordable housing is provided to the poor, the Full Bench is of the view that the complaint be forwarded to the Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India, for necessary action. As the complaint is against certain officials working under the State Government of Uttar Pradesh, a copy of the complaint, along with a copy of this Order be also sent to the Hon'ble Lokayukta, Uttar Pradesh.

6. The Registry of the Lokpal of India is directed to do the needful.

7. Accordingly, the complaint is disposed of, granting liberty to the complainant to pursue the matter with the authorities concerned.