

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

Complaint Nos. : 96/2023
Date : 31st May, 2023.
Coram : **Justice Pradip Kumar Mohanty**
Hon'ble Acting Chairperson

Justice Abhilasha Kumari
Judicial Member

Shri Dinesh Kumar Jain
Member

Smt. Archana Ramasundaram
Member

Shri Mahender Singh,
Member.

ORDER

Perused the complaint.

2. This complaint is directed against a Chief Engineer-I, Department of Posts, Dak Bhawan, New Delhi (the public servant). The complainant states that he is a contractor and was allotted work for General Repairs of toilet at RMS, Jammu, under Agreement No. 13/AE/C/PCD/JMU/2019-20. According to the complainant, the work allotted to him could not be started due to the nation-wide lockdown and, therefore, the period stipulated under the agreement of work, had lapsed. The complainant was issued a notice for the termination of the contract. The complainant states that he has replied to such notice, stating that the work could not be commenced due to the lockdown.

3. The grievance of the complainant is to the effect that his request for the appointment of an arbitrator in the matter has been rejected although, according to him, similar requests in two other cases have



been accepted. The complainant has alleged that the denial of the request of the complainant by the public servant concerned amounts to a colourable exercise of power (wrongly written as colourful). Apart from the above grievance, there are no allegations regarding corrupt practices, against the public servant.

4. Having perused the complaint and the documents attached thereto, it is evident that the grievance of the complainant is confined only to the rejection of the request for the appointment of an arbitrator in his case.

5. As there are no allegations of corruption or corrupt practices, leave alone any material to that effect, we are of the considered view that the complaint does not justify any further scrutiny, as it does not fall under the purview of the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013.

6. The complainant is, however, at liberty to approach the competent forum for the redressal of his grievances, if he so desires.

7. In view of the above, the complaint stands disposed of.


COURT MASTER,
LOKPAL OF INDIA.

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