

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

Complaint No(s). : 98/2023

Date : 31st May, 2023.

Coram : **Shri Justice Pradip Kumar Mohanty**
Acting Chairperson

Smt. Justice Abhilasha Kumari
Judicial Member

Shri Dinesh Kumar Jain
Member

Smt. Archana Ramasundaram
Member

Shri Mahender Singh
Member

ORDER

Perused the complaint.


2. The complainant has filed this complaint against officials of the National Research Laboratory for Conservation of Cultural Property (NRLC), Aliganj, Lucknow. In the complaint, it has been alleged that a Stenographer was wrongly promoted on 2-3 occasions and has been paid amounts in excess of what was due to him. The complainant has alleged that the amount not due to the concerned Stenographer has not been recovered by the Respondent Public Servants who he alleges, are instrumental in not allowing the overpayment recovery.
3. It is seen that some of these promotions were affected in the years 1985, 1987 and so on. There is also an allegation of payment of Travelling Allowance during the suspension period to the concerned Stenographer.
4. From the details of the complaint filed before us, it appears that the concerned Stenographer has filed an application before the CAT, Principal Bench, New Delhi for a stay on the recovery of Rs.22,600/- for which an Order was passed by the then DG, NRLC. The complainant has also mentioned that the case is probably still going on. Somewhere in the



complaint, the complainant has alleged that there have been irregularities in the appointment and promotion of not only the Stenographer referred above but also in respect of some other officials whose names have been mentioned in Serial No.13 of the Part-C of Form annexed to the Lokpal (Complaint) Rules.

5. We have gone through the complaint and are of the view that the subject matter appears to be an administrative matter. Some of the allegations are also hit by the limitation prescribed under Section 53 of the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013. We are, therefore, not inclined to intervene in this matter. However, all the case papers may be sent to the concerned Ministry, viz. the Ministry of Culture, for taking necessary action at their end.

6. With these remarks, the complaint is disposed of.


Court Master
Lokpal of India

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