



THE INSTITUTION OF
LOKAYUKTA
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Lokayukta, Andhra Pradesh State

It is with great pleasure and a sense of responsibility that I present the Annual Report of the Lokayukta of Andhra Pradesh for the year 2023 to the Hon'ble Governor of Andhra Pradesh, in compliance with the Sub-Section 5 of Section 12 of Andhra Pradesh Lokayukta Act, 1983. This report covers the activities of the Lokayukta of Andhra Pradesh from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

The Lokayukta continues to play a pivotal role in ensuring transparency, accountability, and ethical governance in the state. This report aims to provide a comprehensive overview of the Lokayukta's activities, accomplishments, and challenges faced during the year 2023.

In addition to the regular redressal of grievances of citizens/public and investigation into corruption allegations made against public servants and recommending disciplinary action against them, the Lokayukta is also actively engaged in addressing critical issues affecting the state, such as unauthorized sand reaches, encroachments and illegal sand mining. Proactive measures were taken to curb illegal mining activities, unauthorized constructions, and encroachments into water bodies and government lands. Suo-motu actions were initiated to safeguard government lands, demonstrating the Lokayukta's commitment to upholding the rule of law. A noteworthy instance of the Lokayukta's proactive role was witnessed in the efforts to curb unethical practices in the Government General Hospital, Kurnool.

The Lokayukta's advocacy efforts resulted in tangible legal amendments, as exemplified by the case related to electrical accidents. Upholding the Doctrine of Strict Liability, the Lokayukta's directions prompted the amendment to the APERC Compensation to Victims of Electrical Accidents Regulation, 2017. This amendment ensures compensation to all victims, irrespective of fault or causation, reflecting a commitment to justice and fairness.

The year 2023 stands out for the Lokayukta of Andhra Pradesh, not only for its vigilant pursuit of justice, but also for its significant financial recoveries. The Lokayukta's interventions led to the recovery of substantial amounts, totalling to an impressive amount of around Rs.41.13 crores that directly benefited the state exchequer. These recoveries exemplify the Lokayukta's resolute commitment to holding public authorities accountable for their actions and ensuring that misused funds are restored, reinforcing the principles of transparency, accountability, and ethical governance in Andhra Pradesh.

In a significant stride towards modernization, the Lokayukta launched a new website in the year 2023. This platform aims to enhance accessibility, transparency, and public engagement, providing a user-friendly interface for citizens to lodge complaints, access information, and stay informed about the Lokayukta's initiatives.

The year 2023 witnessed a significant influx of complaints, with a total of 2,813 cases being brought to the Lokayukta's attention. This marked an increase from the previous years, indicating a growing awareness among the public regarding the role of the Lokayukta in addressing grievances. The diligent efforts of the Lokayukta's office led to the resolution of 3,026 complaints during the year, reflecting a commitment to swift and effective redressal. The Lokayukta's intervention led to due enquiries and subsequent punishment for erring public authorities, reinforcing the principle of accountability in public service.

I express my sincere gratitude to all the dedicated staff members of Lokayukta, whose tireless efforts have been instrumental in realizing the Institution's noble objectives. Additionally, I extend my appreciation to the public servants who have positively responded to the complaints, actively contributing to the resolution of grievances. This collaborative effort has empowered the Lokayukta to play a meaningful role in the eradication of corruption, thereby fostering an environment of good governance in Andhra Pradesh.

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**JUSTICE P. LAKSHMANA REDDY
LOKAYUKTA**



Justice Sri P. Lakshmana Reddy sworn in as
First Lokayukta of Andhra Pradesh



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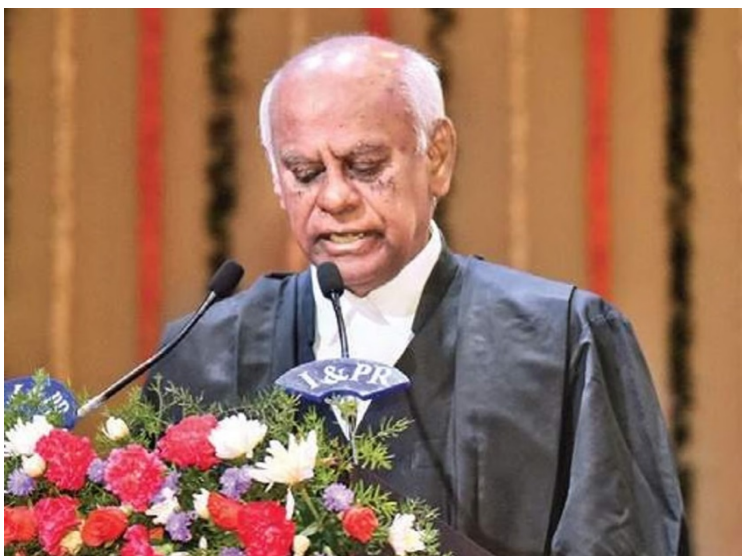


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INTRODUCTION



Hon'ble Sri Justice P. Lakshmana Reddy, AP Lokayukta

PROVISION OF LAW UNDER WHICH THIS REPORT IS MADE:-

Section 12 (5) of the Andhra Pradesh Lokayukta Act, 1983 mandates that the Lokayukta shall present annually a Consolidated Report on the performance of his functions and that of the Upa-Lokayukta under the AP Lokayukta Act to the Governor. Accordingly, this report is presented for the 04th year of the establishment of the Institution of Andhra Pradesh Lokayukta.

Period of the Report:-

This report pertains to the functions of Andhra Pradesh Lokayukta for the period from 01.01.2023 to 31.12.2023.

Names of Hon'ble Lokayukta And Upalokayuktas, who functioned during the year:-

- i) Hon'ble Sri Justice P. Lakshmana Reddy - Lokayukta
- ii) Since, the Office of Upa-Lokayukta is vacant, **Hon'ble Sri Justice P.Lakshmana Reddy, Lokayukta of Andhra Pradesh has been performing the duties of Upa-Lokayukta** also from the date of assuming the Office of Lokayukta i.e., 15.09.2019.

Lokayukta in Andhra Pradesh

The Institution of Lokayukta of Andhra Pradesh was established through Andhra Pradesh Lokayukta & Upa-Lokayukta Act 11, 1983, in November, 1983, having jurisdiction over the entire territory of erstwhile combined State of Andhra Pradesh.

But in 2014 the state was bifurcated into Telangana with 10 districts and Andhra Pradesh remaining with 13 districts. However, the erstwhile Institution of Lokayukta of Andhra Pradesh continued to serve all these 23 Districts till the end of year 2019, having jurisdiction over the entire territory. Thus, in total, for 36 years the erstwhile combined Institution of Lokayukta of Andhra Pradesh has functioned. Through the G.O.Ms.No.161, General Administration (SR) Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh, dtd.31.12.2019, the erstwhile Institution of Lokayukta of Andhra Pradesh has been bifurcated into the Institution of Lokayukta of Andhra Pradesh and the Institution of Lokayukta of Telangana on the very last day of the year 2019 and both the newly formed Institutions commenced functioning, individually, with effect from 01.01.2020.

Major Events in the evolution of Lokayukta in Andhra Pradesh

1983: The Institution of Lokayukta has been set up in the state of Andhra Pradesh in 1983 through its Lokayukta Act.

2007: Act-1 of 2007 is the Amendment Act, under which several important amendments were effected to the various provisions of The Andhra Pradesh Lokayukta and Upa Lokayukta Act-1983, to widen its ambit and functioning and it came into force with effect from 28.02.2007.

Vide the Amendment Act-1 of 2007, the short title of the act has been amended so as to omit the words “Upa Lokayukta”, since the word Lokayukta, wherever used, includes Upa Lokayukta also. Since then the nomenclature of the Act became “**The Andhra Pradesh Lokayukta Act, 1983**”.

By virtue of the very same Act-1 of 2007, amendment has been effected to Section-2 Clause-A of the Act, widening the ambit of the word “Action” to remove the ambiguity and to bring the action taken by the Public Servants in discharge of their functions also, into the ambit of the jurisdiction of the Lokayukta.

Ambit of the word “Corruption” has been clearly defined by way of effecting relevant amendment to Section-2(d).

Further, originally the Minister, Council of Ministers for the State of Andhra Pradesh, Deputy Chief Minister, Deputy Minister and Parliament Secretary were not in the ambit of the Institution of Lokayukta. They all have been brought into its ambit by bringing them under the purview of the definition of Public Servant, by way of incorporating Clauses-g & k to Section-2 of this Act.

Relevant amendment has been effected to Section-7 of the Act, by which the responsibilities and duties of Vice Chancellor are brought into the purview of the Lokayukta. Earlier, said functions were in the purview of the Upa-Lokayukta only.

Further, by effecting relevant amendment to Section-10 of the Act, the Lokayukta and Upa Lokayukta are empowered to complete the investigation within a period of one year from the date of issuance of Form-VII and in case if he feels that he is unable to do so, he shall record his reasons for such inability. This amendment has been effected, observing that in practice, the earlier limitation made in the said provision that every investigation shall be completed within a period of six months but shall not exceed one year, is making it difficult for Lokayukta or Upa Lokayukta to do effective investigation in such period, for several valid reasons.

2011: By virtue of Act-11 of 2011, various amendments have been effected to the Andhra Pradesh Lokayukta Act, 1983 which came into force with effect from 05.05.2011.

Vide Act-11 of 2011 “the allegations of maladministration against Public Servants and Redressal of Grievances of the Complainants” also have been

brought into the purview of the Institution of Lokayukta by way of inserting Clauses (ea) & (fa) in Section-2 of the Act.

The Chair Person, Vice Chair Person, Members of Zilla Parishad, Mandal Praja Parishad, Sarpanch, Upa Sarpanch, Members of Gram Panchayat constituted by or under the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 and every Mayor and Deputy Mayor and elected Members of Municipal Corporation, every Chairperson and Vice Chairperson and elected members of a Municipal Council or statutory bodies constituted/incorporated under the Central Acts, but functioning in the state and controlled by the State Government and all Cooperative Societies registered or deemed to be registered under Andhra Pradesh Cooperative Societies Act etc., are all also have been brought under the ambit of the jurisdiction of Institution of Lokayukta of Andhra Pradesh, by amending Section 2(k) & (l) of Andhra Pradesh Lokayukta Act, by way of Act-11 of 2011.

Further, Sub Section-2 of Section-8 of the Act is incorporated prescribing limitation for entertaining complaints involving allegations, by Lokayukta and Upa Lokayukta. Thus, the Lokayukta or Upa Lokayukta shall not investigate into any complaint, involving an allegation, if the complaint is made, after expiry of 6 years from the date on which the action complained against is alleged to have taken place or after the expiry of a period of one year from the date on which the action complained against becomes known to the Complainant, whichever is later.

Further, Section 13(A) is enacted, making a provision empowering the Lokayukta or Upa Lokayukta, to impose suitable costs against the Complainant, in case of his making a complaint which is found to be malicious, vexatious or false and enabling the said costs to be recovered as arrears of land revenue. This is one another important feature of Act-11 of 2011.

2014: Andhra Pradesh was bifurcated into two states, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana in 2014.

2019: a) The Assembly of the new state of Andhra Pradesh approved that in addition to only serving Chief Justices or sitting judges even retired Chief Justices or retired Justices can be considered to be eligible for appointment for the position as the State Lokayukta. This was done by passing the amended Andhra Pradesh Lokayukta Amendment Bill, 2019.

b) Sri Justice Palleti Lakshmana Reddy, Retired Judge of erstwhile High Court of Andhra Pradesh has been appointed as Lokayukta for the Institution of Lokayukta of the State of Andhra Pradesh, by virtue of G.O.Ms.No.118, General Administration (SC-F) Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh, dtd.09.09.2019 and Hon'ble Sri Justice P. Lakshmana Reddy will be a full time officer and will have the status of Chief Justice of a High Court during his tenure as Lokayukta. Sri Justice Palleti Lakshmana Reddy took oath and assumed the Office of Lokayukta of Andhra Pradesh on 15.09.2019 at 11.00AM before His Excellency the Governor of Andhra Pradesh, in a State Function took place at Thummalapalli Kalakshetram, Vijayawada.

2020 In the lines of G.O.Ms.No.161, General Administration (SR) Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh, dtd.31.12.2019, the erstwhile Institution of Lokayukta of Andhra Pradesh has been bifurcated into the Institution of Lokayukta of Andhra Pradesh and the Institution of Lokayukta of Telangana on the very last day of the year 2019 and both the newly formed Institutions commenced functioning, individually, with effect from 01.01.2020.

The Institution of Lokayukta AP started functioning separately for AP.

2021 By way of effecting amendment to Rule 12 of The Andhra Pradesh Lokayukta and Upa Lokayukta (Investigation) Rules, 1984, the State Government fixed the Principal Seat of Sitting of this Institution as "Kurnool" which is within the precincts of the Residual State of Andhra Pradesh, after bifurcation. This amendment took place vide G.O.Ms.No.88 GAD (SC. B) Department, 24.08.2021. Thereon, this Institution issued notification dated 28.08.2021 that this Institution commenced its functioning in Kurnool from 28.08.2021

onwards and accordingly started functioning there by establishing its Office temporarily in the premises of State Guest House, Dharmapet, Kurnool. Under G.O.Rt.No.1589 General Administration (SC. II) Department dated 25.09.2021 the Government secured premises bearing Door No.96/3-72-124-1, Santoshnagar, Kurnool for locating the Office of Institution of Lokayukta of Andhra Pradesh.

2022 After the building is made ready and suitable for the Office of Institution of Lokayukta of Andhra Pradesh, this Office started functioning full-fledged at Kurnool from the premises of Prasad's Complex, D.No. 96/3-72-124-1, Santoshnagar, Kurnool from 18.04.2022.

2023 The Andhra Pradesh Lokayukta Act, 1983, is amended in respect of the clause related to the appointment of Upa-Lokayukta. ' For clause (c) of proviso to subsection (1) of section 3, the following shall be substituted, namely', -

“(c) the Upa-Lokayukta shall be appointed from among retired District Judges or any Advocate who has had 25 years of standing in the High Court, duly selected by the selection Committee with the Chief Minister of the State as Chairperson; Speaker of the Legislative Assembly; the Chairperson of the Legislative Council and the Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly as Members.”

Hon'ble Sri Justice P.Lakshmana Reddy, Lokayukta of Andhra Pradesh is the First Lokayukta for the State of Andhra Pradesh (Residual State). Since, the Office of Upa-Lokayukta is vacant, Hon'ble Sri Justice P.Lakshmana Reddy, Lokayukta of Andhra Pradesh has been performing the additional duties of Upa-Lokayukta from the date of assuming the Office of Lokayukta i.e., 15.09.2019.

INQUIRIES AND INSIGHTS INTO LOKAYUKTA'S FUNCTIONING

What is Lokayukta?

The Lokayukta is an Institution, established under the Andhra Pradesh Lokayukta Act, 1983, **which acts against corruption and other malpractices by public servants and government authorities of the State.**

The role of Lokayukta is not only confined to corruption, but it extends to redressal of grievances of citizens/public and also to make investigation into allegations made against the public servants and recommend disciplinary action against them. Thus, the Lokayukta oversees the Good Governance of the State.

What are the powers and jurisdiction of the AP Lokayukta in investigating cases of corruption and maladministration? -

A wide range of Public Servants, defined in Section 2(k) of the A.P. Lokayukta Act, 1983, will come under the purview of this Institution, viz., Ministers, (Except the Chief Minister) Members of either Houses of the State Legislature, including the Chief Whip, any person appointed to a Public Service or post in connection with the affairs of the State of Andhra Pradesh, Chair Person and Vice Chairperson of Zilla Parishad, President of Mandal Parishad, Mayor of Municipal Corporation, Chairperson of Municipal Council, Chairman or Presidents and Directors of the Governing Body to which the Management is entrusted in respect of any local authority in the State or any Society registered under the A.P. Registration Act or any Co-operative Society whose area of operation extends to the whole of the State or is confined to a part of the State extending to an area not less than a District, the Vice Chancellor and the Registrar of a University, etc., and officer in the service or pay of a Local Authority, University, Statutory Body or Corporation, Society or other Institutions.

Are there any specific categories of complaints they do not accept?

- 1) As per the provisions of Rule 4 of AP Lokayukta and Upa-Lokayukta (Investigation) Rules, the complaint shall also be liable for rejection in *limine* by the Lokayukta or Upa-Lokayukta, as the case may be, for any of the following reasons, namely,
 - a) that the complaint does not disclose an allegation which may be investigated by the Lokayukta or Upa-Lokayukta, as the case may be;
 - b) that the complaint is-
 - i) Frivolous, or
 - ii) Vexatious, or
 - iii) Not made in good faith;
 - c) that there are no sufficient grounds for investigating the complaint;
 - d) that other remedies are available to the complainant and in the circumstances of the case, it would be more proper for the complainant to avail of such remedies;
 - e) that the public servant against whom the complaint is made is not one in respect of whom a complaint can be entertained by the Lokayukta or Upa-Lokayukta;
 - f) that the complaint is made after the expiry of six years from the date on which the action complained against is alleged to have taken place;
 - g) that an earlier complaint based on the same allegations as those made in the present complaint was previously disposed of by the Lokayukta or Upa-Lokayukta or any other authority.
- 2) Civil Disputes among the private individuals in respect of private property.
- 3) Matrimonial disputes and other disputes which are purely civil in nature.
- 4) A Lokayukta or Upa-Lokayukta is not appellate or supervisory authority over other competent forums created under different statutes, as each of those statutes provide its own remedial steps such as appeal, revision etc. The parties

need to follow that procedure and the Lokayukta Act is not meant to override those procedures.

When does the Lokayukta act?

- i) On a complaint from any citizen or aggrieved person,
- ii) Based on information received by him by way of complaints or the Lokayukta and Upa-Lokayukta can also take up investigation Suo-motu on the issues that appear in newspapers, reports, etc.
- iii) On a reference from the Governor, the Lokayukta or Upa-Lokayukta can act.

How to make a complaint?

Two Forms are to be used in addition to the letter of complaint i.e., Form I & II. A complaint shall be signed by the complainant and shall be made in Form I accompanied by his own affidavit in Form II duly attested. A nominal fee of Rs.150/- is to be paid through a Money Order, Banker's Cheque or Demand Draft drawn in favour of the Registrar of the Institution or the amount may also be paid in cash. In deserving cases, the Lokayukta may also exempt the payment of fee. A complaint may be submitted in person to the Registrar or any other officer duly authorized by him on his behalf or can be sent by registered post or can also be sent by Email to the email ap.lokayukta@gmail.com in a prescribed format.

Can the Lokayukta's decisions and recommendations be challenged or appealed? If so, what is the process?

As per the provisions of Section 17 (3) of the AP Lokayukta Act, no proceedings, decision, finding or recommendation of Lokayukta or Upa-Lokayukta shall be liable to be challenged, reviewed, quashed or called in question in any court or tribunal.

How has the AP Lokayukta contributed to improving governance, transparency, and accountability within the state administration?

The Lokayukta is an Institution, established under the Andhra Pradesh Lokayukta and Upa-Lokayuktas Act, 83, which acts against corruption and other malpractices by public servants and government authorities of the state. The role of Lokayukta is not only confined to controlling corruption, but it also protects Citizens' Right against mal-administration, delay, inefficiency, non-transparency, abuse of position, improper conduct etc. This Institution receives complaints from the citizens for the redressal of their grievances, initiates suitable investigation into the allegations against Public Servants and even recommends disciplinary action against them if the allegations are found proved.

The object of the Lokayukta Act itself, reveals that the Institution of Lokayukta is set up for the purpose of improving the standards of public administration, by looking into the complaints against administrative actions, including the cases of corruption, favouritism and official indiscipline in administration machinery. Thus, the Lokayukta oversees the Good Governance of the State and also issues necessary instructions to the Authorities as and when necessary.

During the year 2023:-

The Lokayukta received 2813 complaints and resolved 3026, a significantly higher number than the complaints received. The total number of pending complaints at the end of the year 2022 was 4268, a decrease from the 4726 pending complaints at the end of 2021.

[How frequently does the AP Lokayukta publish reports on its findings and recommendations, and how accessible are these reports to the public?](#)

Every year the Lokayukta presents Annual Report to the honourable Governor of Andhra Pradesh as required under Sub-Section 5 of Section 12 of Andhra Pradesh Lokayukta Act, 1983. The reports will be available for public access in AP Lokayukta Official Website.

What types of cases fall under the purview of the AP Lokayukta, and how does the AP Lokayukta coordinate with other investigative agencies, such as the police and anti-corruption bodies, during the course of an investigation?

The AP Lokayukta has jurisdiction over a wide range of public servants, as defined in Section 2(k) of the A.P. Lokayukta Act, 1983. This includes Ministers, Members of the State Legislature, local government officials, university personnel, and others.

In terms of coordination, the Lokayukta can collaborate with investigative agencies, including the police and anti-corruption bodies, during investigations. The exact coordination mechanisms may vary case by case, and the Lokayukta may seek assistance or share information with these agencies as needed.

What is the level of public awareness and understanding about the AP Lokayukta's existence and functions?

The very increase in number of complaints filed is clear evidence that there is awareness among the public about the existence and functions of the Institution.

Periodical news items about the complaints related to (a) Grievance Redressal Complaints, (b) Disciplinary action taken against the Public Servants and consequential punishments awarded by the Authorities also create awareness among the public.

In pursuance of the orders of the Hon'ble Executive Chairman, AP State Legal Services Authority, the Member Secretary under letter dated 08.09.2023 directed all the Chairpersons of DLSAs to take necessary steps and issue necessary instructions to DLSAs & MLSCs in the respective districts to create awareness about the functions of Lokayukta by including functions and procedure of AP Lokayukta as one of the subjects in the legal awareness campaigns.

Are there any recent instances where the AP Lokayukta played a significant role in addressing corruption or misconduct?

AP Lokayukta played a significant role in addressing the issues of corruption in Andhra Pradesh during the year 2023. There are

- i) cases of suspension/ removal of erring public servants
- ii) payment of pending salary arrears to sanitation workers
- iii) resolving environment related issues etc.,
- iv) family pension grievance redressal cases
- v) Redressal of grievances of legal heirs of the deceased in electrical accidents etc,
- vi) General grievances i.e., correction of land records, issue of pattadar passbooks, mutations, survey of lands and fixation of boundaries etc.,

[How to contact the Institution of Lokayukta?](#)

Address:- Lokayukta of Andhra Pradesh, Prasad's Complex,
D.No.96/3-72-124-1, Santosh Nagar Main Road, Kurnool – 518 006, A.P.

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Website: <https://www.lokayukta.ap.gov.in/>

ABOUT THE INSTITUTION OF LOKAYUKTA OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ORGANIZATION:

In order to redress the grievances of the citizens which were pouring more in number, the Administrative Reforms Commission, appointed by the Union Government in 1966, recommended the constitution of the Institutions of Lokayukta and Upa-Lokayukta, taking a clue from the Institution like OMBUDSMAN in the Scandinavian countries. In the light of those recommendations, the Institutions of Lokayukta were established in various States of our country with jurisdiction to deal with complaints not only against elective public servants, but also against the other categories of public servants defined in the Act.

In Andhra Pradesh, the A.P Lokayukta Act 11 of 1983 came into force with effect from 01-11-1983 and this Institution started functioning from 15-11-1983 and since then this Institution has been able to march forward as an effective instrument in the hands of the public for curbing the evil of corruption and maladministration.

SALIENT FEATURES OF THE INSTITUTION:

The most prominent features of the Institution of Lokayukta in this State are: -

- i) Independence from Executive Control;
- ii) Informal procedure and easy accessibility to complaints; and
- iii) Almost free and prompt services to the citizens.

FUNCTIONS & DUTIES:

The matters and actions of Public servants, which can form the subject matter of the complaint to the Institution of Lokayukta and Upa-Lokayukta, are:

- 1) Any administrative action involving abuse of power for personal gain or to harm anyone;
- 2) Administrative actions motivated by improper or corrupt motives causing loss to the State or to any person; and
- 3) All actions involving outright corruption or lack of integrity.

There are three modes for the Lokayukta and the Upa-Lokayukta to act for taking up investigation of Administrative actions of the nature as stated above.

Firstly, any citizen or aggrieved person can make a complaint. Secondly, the Lokayukta and Upa-Lokayukta Suo-motu can take up investigation on the basis of information received by him otherwise than by way of complaints like newspapers, reports, etc. Thirdly, the Lokayukta or Upa-Lokayukta can act on a reference from the Governor.

For the purpose of conducting an investigation in accordance with the provisions of the Act, the Assembly of the new state of Andhra Pradesh approved that in addition to only serving Chief Justices or sitting judges, even retired Chief Justices or retired Justices can be considered to be eligible for appointment of State Lokayukta. Further, the Governor appoints one or more District Judges to act as Upa-Lokayuktas.

Peshi of the Lokayukta:

Peshi of The Lokayukta consists of Personal Secretary to Lokayukta, Personal Assistant to Lokayukta, Driver, Jamedar and Two Attenders.

Peshi of the Upa Lokayukta:

Peshi of The Upa Lokayukta consists of Personal Assistant to Upa Lokayukta, Driver, Jamedar and an Attender.

ADMINISTRATION:-

Registrar:

Overall administration of Office of the Institution of Lokayukta is under the charge of the Registrar, who is designated as the **Head of the Department**.

The Role of the Registrar

All the complaints filed before the Institution of Lokayukta will be addressed to the Registrar and all the correspondence of the Institution of Lokayukta of Andhra Pradesh will be conducted in the name of the Registrar.

The Registrar

- i) administers office of the Institution of Lokayukta, taking instructions from the Hon'ble Lokayukta on all policy matters.
- ii) scrutinizes the complaints and places them before the Hon'ble Lokayukta for consideration and necessary action.
- iii) Assists the Hon'ble Lokayukta in the preparation of the Annual Report to be submitted to The Hon'ble Governor of the State.
- iv) assists the Hon'ble Lokayukta in recruiting the officers and staff members of the Institution.
- v) assists the Hon'ble Lokayukta in fixing Vacation of Hon'ble the Lokayukta and Hon'ble the Upa Lokayukta and also Public Holidays etc., for the establishment of the Institution.
- vi) holds the overall in-charge of the administration of the Office of the Institution of Lokayukta including financial, budgetary, service matters of the officers and staff members, allocation of duties of officers and staff members and all other related functions for running the Office of the Institution of Lokayukta.
- vii) acts as the First Appellate Authority under Right to Information Act-2005.

Peshi of the Registrar:

Peshi of the Registrar consists of Personal Assistant to Registrar, a Driver and an Attender.

To assist the Lokayukta and the Upa-Lokayukta the organization is divided into four functional wings, which are as under

- (A) Administration Wing**
- (B) Judicial Wing**
- (C) Legal Wing**
- (D) Investigation Wing**

(A) Administration Wing:

The Registrar with the Assistance of the Deputy Registrar, supervises the Administration Wing, which consists of two sections, which are

- (i) Establishment Section and
- (ii) Accounts Section.

The Deputy Registrar:

The Deputy Registrar assists the Registrar in overall supervision of the functioning of the Office of the Institution of Lokayukta. In addition, the Deputy Registrar is the Drawing and Disbursing Officer of the Institution. The Deputy Registrar is designated as Public Information Officer under Right to Information Act-2005.

(i) Establishment Section:

The Establishment Section is headed by an Assistant Registrar, who functions with the assistance of the Section Officer.

The Establishment Section deals with recruitment of staff, service matters of officers and staff members like promotions, salary fixations, increments and other conditions of service and also maintenance of Service Registers and all other required registers. This section also deals with purchase and maintenance of Library, Stores, Furniture, Motor Vehicles, Stationery, Photo Copying Machine (Xerox), etc. Management of the events like Republic Day, Independence Day, etc. are also under the purview of this section. Further, maintenance of the premises is also under the purview of this section. The Inward and Dispatch Sections also work under Establishment Section.

For proper running of this section, apart from the Assistant Registrar and Section Officer, an Assistant Section Officer, Librarian, Stores In-charge, Stenographers, Typists, Assistants, Dispatch Clerk, Inward Clerk, Roneo Operator, Motor Vehicle Messenger, Driver, Attenders, Chowkidars, Gardeners, Sweeper-cum-Scavengers are required.

(ii) Accounts Section:

The Accounts Section is headed by Assistant Registrar (Accounts) who is assisted by the Accounts Officer, Assistant Section Officer, U.D. Accountant, Typist, Assistant and Attender.

The Accounts Officer is the custodian of the Permanent Advance amount of the Office.

The Accounts Section deals with submitting budget proposals to the Government, receiving budget, preparation and submitting pay bills and other bills

like Medical, Purchase Bills etc., deducting Income Tax at source from the salaries, receiving and remitting the complaint fees & RTIP fees etc., and maintenance of ledgers and other registers pertaining to the financial matters of the office.

(B) Judicial Wing:

Judicial Wing consists of five sections viz., (i)Complaints Section, (ii)Judicial B-1 Section, (iii)Judicial B-2 Section (iv)Record Room & (v)RTI Section. All these five sections function under the overall supervision of Assistant Registrar (Judicial).

(i) Complaints Section:

Assistant Registrar and Section Officer with the assistance of an Assistant Section Officer, Stenographers, Typists, Assistants and Attenders administers this section. Complaints filed by the Complainants will be processed, scrutinized, and registered in this section and the relevant registers are maintained by this section.

The complaints are segregated under due procedure and the matters are registered as B1 complaints and B2 complaints. B1 complaints are placed before the Lokayukta and B2 complaints before the Upa Lokayukta for consideration and redressal.

(ii) Judicial B-1 Section:

This section deals with the Bench of the Lokayukta. One Section Officer for attending the Bench and the other for looking after the section, assisted by Assistant Section Officers, Stenographers, Typists, Assistants, Record Assistants and Attenders to run this section.

The complaints registered as B1 complaints, for being resolved by Lokayukta, are dealt with in B1 section.

The files received from Complaints Section, are attended to in this Section by placing them before the Lokayukta for securing relevant orders on the days of posting of the same. Further, this Section processes the orders passed by the Lokayukta by way of calling for reports/comments etc., from the concerned, as per the orders. This Section prepares Cause Lists, maintains the records, files and relevant registrars in connection with the various complaints received in this Section, till the said complaints reach their logical conclusion/disposal.

After disposal, the files relating to the disposed-off complaints will be consigned to the record room.

(iii) Judicial B-2 Section:

The complaints registered as B2 complaints, for being resolved by Upa Lokayukta, are dealt with in B2 section.

This section deals with the Bench of the Upa Lokayukta. Two Section Officers, one for attending the Bench and the other for looking after the section, assisted by Assistant Section Officers, Stenographers, Typists, Assistants, Record Assistants and Attenders, run this section.

The files received from Complaints Section, are attended to in this Section by placing them before the Upa Lokayukta for securing relevant orders. Further, this Section processes the orders passed by the Upa Lokayukta by way of calling for reports/comments etc., from the concerned. This Section also prepares Cause Lists, maintains the records, files and relevant registrars in connection with the various complaints received in this Section, till the said complaints reach their logical conclusion/disposal.

After disposal, the files relating to the disposed-off complaints will be consigned to the record room.

(iv) Record Room:

Record Room is manned by a Section Officer, assisted by an Assistant Section Officer, Assistant, Record Keeper and an Attender.

All the disposed-off records, closed registers and files will be kept in the Record Room for safe keeping, after entering into relevant registers.

(v) Right to Information Section:

Several applications are being received from the general public under The Right to Information Act-2005.

As mandated in The Right to Information Act-2005, the officers of Institution are designated in various capacities to deal with the applications received under the said Act.

The Assistant Registrar is designated as Assistant Public Information Officer under The Right to Information Act-2005.

The Deputy Registrar is designated as Public Information Officer under The Right to Information Act-2005.

The Registrar is designated as First Appellate Authority under The Right to Information Act-2005.

All these officers are being assisted by an Assistant Section Officer, Assistant, and an Attender.

(C) Legal Wing:

This Legal Wing consists of two Offices:-

- (i) The Office of the Director (Legal) &
- (ii) The Office of the Deputy Director (Legal).

(i) The office of the Director (Legal):

The Director (Legal) is a Category-II Officer. He assists the Lokayukta in dealing with and disposal of the complaints. He will be functioning with the assistance of a Special Category Stenographer, a Typist, an Assistant, a Driver and an Attender.

B-1 Section is dealing with the complaints being placed before the Lokayukta for consideration and disposal. The Director (Legal) assists the Lokayukta in connection with the complaints being processed and dealt with by B-1 Section.

The Director (Legal) assists Lokayukta in day to day dealing of the listed cases in B-1 Section, during call work. He prepares Brief Notes after examining the various reports received from the Public Servants and also various documents which come up for consideration in connection with the complaints, to assist Lokayukta. Further, he gives his Legal Opinions when the matters are referred for the same by the Lokayukta.

The Director (Legal) assists the proceedings during Final Investigation of the complaints by preparing the Statement of Allegations against the Public Servants, the list of witnesses to be examined during the Final Investigation and also list of documents to be confronted to the witnesses during recording of the evidence.

Further, if the Complainant has no legal assistance, during the Final Investigation, the Director (Legal) will be presenting the case of the Complainant before the Lokayukta and also lead the evidence on behalf of the Complainant to assist

the proceedings. He will be advancing arguments also on behalf of the Complainant, if he got no legal assistance.

(ii) The office of the Deputy Director (Legal):

The Deputy Director (Legal) is a Category-III Officer. He assists the Upa Lokayukta in dealing with and disposal of the complaints. He will be functioning with the assistance of a Special Category Stenographer, a Typist, an Assistant, a Driver and an Attender.

B-2 Section deals with the complaints being placed before the Upa Lokayukta for consideration and disposal. The Deputy Director (Legal) assists the Upa Lokayukta in connection with the complaints being processed and dealt with by B-2 Section.

The Deputy Director (Legal) assists Upa Lokayukta in day to day dealing of the listed cases in B-2 Section during call work. He prepares Brief Notes of the various reports received from the Public Servants and others and also various documents which come up for consideration in connection with the complaints, to assist Upa Lokayukta. Further, he gives his Legal Opinions when the matters are referred for the same by the Upa Lokayukta.

The Deputy Director (Legal) assists the proceedings during Final Investigation of the complaints by preparing the Statement of Allegations against the Public Servants, the list of witnesses to be examined during the Final Investigation and also list of documents to be confronted to the witnesses during recording of the evidence.

Further, if the Complainant has no legal assistance, during the Final Investigation, the Deputy Director (Legal) will present the case of the Complainant before the Upa Lokayukta and also lead the evidence on behalf of the Complainant to assist the proceedings. He will be advancing arguments also on behalf of the Complainant, if the complainant has no legal assistance.

(D) Investigation Wing:

There is an Investigation Wing consisting of the Posts of Director (Investigation) and several Investigation Officers. These officers assist the Lokayukta and the Upa Lokayukta in the investigation to be held into the various allegations made against the Public Servants in the complaints filed before this Institution.

The Director (Investigation) who is of the rank of Inspector General of Police is heading the Investigation Wing. He functions with the assistance of Deputy Directors (5 in number), Investigating Officers (2 in number), Head Constables (2 in number) and Police Constables (6 in number). Further, a Stenographer, a Typist, a Driver and an Attender are working in the Investigation Wing.

The Investigation Wing probes in to the allegations referred to them by the Lokayukta or Upa-Lokayukta and after making such confidential probe as required, submits report together with any documents or other material collected during such confidential probe. The Investigation Officers conduct discreet enquiries in connection with the allegations and the reports being submitted by them are immense help to the Lokayukta or Upa-Lokayukta in determining the veracity of the given complaint and whether to proceed with further investigation in the allegations, made therein or otherwise.

The Investigation Wing maintains utmost confidentiality and secrecy of information during the discreet enquiry being made by it and conducts probe into the allegations most impartially.

When occasion arises, the office will be entrusting Summons to be served on the witnesses/parties to the complaint and also Warrants to be executed on such persons, to the Investigation Wing for Service of Summons/Execution of the Warrants and they will be discharging the said functions also, most effectively, submit compliance reports and assist the Institution.

The officers who conduct investigation may sometimes be required to give their evidence during Final Investigation, in connection with the enquiries made by them and the reports submitted by them.

ACCOMMODATION:-

The Institution of Lokayukta is presently accommodated in a rented building bearing D.No. 96/3-72-124-1, Santoshnagar, Kurnool, consists of Ground + 3 floors.

PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS AND STAFF MEMBERS WORKING IN THE
OFFICE OF INSTITUTION OF LOKAYUKTA OF
ANDHRA PRADESH

NAME

DESIGNATION

Category-I:

Sri T.Venkateswara Reddy, M.Com., B.L.,
District & Sessions Judge

Registrar

Category-II:

Sri P.Murali Mohan Reddy, B.A,B.L.,
District & Sessions Judge

Director (Legal)

Category-III:

Sri Ch.Polayya, B.Sc, LL.B.,

VACANT

Sri M.Amarender Reddy, B.Com

Deputy Registrar

Deputy Director (Legal)

Secretary to Lokayukta

Category-IV:

Sri R.V.BhaskaraRao, B.A., LL.B.,
Smt. M.Usha Rani, M.A, LL.B.,
Smt. D.SowjanyaMukhi, B.A., B.L.,

Assistant Registrar

Assistant Registrar (Judicial)

Assistant Registrar (Accounts)

Category-V:

Smt. Y.Lalitha Kalyani, B.A, B.A.L, LL.B.,
Sri G.Praveen Kumar Reddy, B.A, LL.B.,
Smt. C.Sarala, B.Com., LL.B.,
Smt. P.Lalitha, B.A.,
Sri D.V.V.S.N.Raju, B.Com., B.A.L.,
Smt. M. Nalini Sandhya Devi, B.Com., LL.B.,
Sri P.Nirmal Kumar Reddy, B.Com., LL.B.,
Smt. L.Pallavi, M.Sc., LL.B.,

Personal Assistant

Personal Assistant

Personal Assistant

Section Officer

Section Officer

Section Officer

Section Officer

Accounts Officer

Non-Gazetted Category-I:

Smt. K.Latha, B.Com., LL.B.,
Sri K.Sasidhar, B.Com., LL.B.,
Smt. U.Naga Malleshwari, M.Com.,

Spl.Category Stenographer

Spl.Category Stenographer

Spl.Category Stenographer

Non-Gazetted Category-II:

KumT.Kamala Sree, M.Sc.,
KumY.Ramya, B.Com

U.D.Stenographer

U.D.Stenographer

KumS.Srilakshmi, B.Sc.	U.D.Stenographer
Sri S.Vijayanarayana, B.A.,	A.S.O
Sri D.Sukraiah, B.A.,	A.S.O
Sri P.PrakasaRao, B.A.,	A.S.O
Sri M.Rama Krishnam Raju, B.A.,	A.S.O
Sri G.Srinivas Rao, B.Com., LL.B.,	A.S.O
Smt. P.Nirmala Devi, M.A., LL.B.,	A.S.O
Sri S.Vijay Chand, B.Sc., D.Ed.	A.S.O
Sri P.Raja Shekhar, PGDMM, PGDEPD, B.Tech., LL.B.,	A.S.O
Sri P.Hanumantha Reddy, B.Com.,B.A., LL.B.,	Librarian

Non-Gazetted Category-III:

Sri D.Venugopal Reddy, B.Com, LL.B.,	U.D Accountant
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Non-Gazetted Category-IV:

KumK.Lakshmi Priyanka, B.Sc.,	Steno-Typist
KumM.Hema Devi, B.Sc.,	Steno-Typist
VACANT	Steno-Typist
Smt. U.Swapna, B.A.,	Typist
Sri S.Chandra Babu, B.Sc., B.Ed.,	Typist
Sri V.Akhilesh, B.Tech.,	Typist
VACANT	Typist
Smt. B.Pankajakshi, B.A., M.Ed.,	Assistant
Sri P.Naga Prasad, B.Com.,	Assistant
Smt. T.Suseela, B.A.,	Assistant
Sri G.Murali Krishna, B.Com.,	Assistant
Sri A.Dharma Rao, B.A.,	Assistant
Kum. V.Chandana Priya, B.Com.,	Assistant
Smt. K.Radhika,B.Sc., LL.B.,	Assistant
Sri S.Naga Babu, B.A.,	Assistant
Sri J.Mallikarjuna, B.A.,	Assistant
Sri D.Venu Gopal, M.A.,	Assistant

Non-Gazetted Category-V:

Sri V.Ram Babu, VIII Class	Senior Driver
Sri T.R.Shantha Kumar, B.A.,	Driver
Sri K.Shiva Ramudu, X Class	Driver
Sri R.Sreenivasulu, B.A.,	Driver
Sri P.V.Manjunatha, X Class	Driver
Sri G. Anwar Basha, B.A., ITI.,	Driver
Sri S.Rama Chander Rao, X Class	Motor Cycle Messenger

Non-Gazetted Category-VI:

Sri A.Srinivas Raju, X Class,	Record Assistant
Sri B.Durga Krishna Prasad, B.Com.,	Record Assistant
Smt. M.Bhoolakshmi, X Class	Record Assistant

Kum. K.Jyothi, VIII Class
Sri M.BabaFakruddin, B.A.,M.B.A.,
Sri K.Veeresh, SSC

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Non-Gazetted Category-VII:

Smt. E.Manjula, V class
Sri R.Punesh, SSC(Failed)
SmtM.Anusha Devi, B.A.,
Kum. V.Suma, X Class
Smt. V.Sirisha, B.Com.,
Sri B.T.Jammanna, B.Com.,
Sri P.Narayana Swamy,B.Com.,
Kum. C.Sunkulamma, B.A.,
Sri Nazeer Hussain Shaik,M.Com., LL.B.,
SmtC.Lakshmi Narayanamma, VII Class
Kum. D.Vaheeda, Intermediate
Sri P.Siva Reddy, ITI.,
SmtB.Narasamma, B.Sc.,
VACANT
Sri S.Narsing Rao, VIII Class
Smt. J.Sandhya,SSC
Sri A.Naga Raju,
Sri P.Madhulatha
Sri T.Devi Sri Karthik, Intermediate

Attender
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Attender
Chowkidar
Chowkidar
Sweeper-cum-Scavenger
Sweeper-cum-Scavenger
Gardener

INVESTIGATION WING

Sri K.Narasimha Reddy, IPS
Sri P.Venkata Rama Reddy,
Sri V.Ganga Raju,
Sri P.Venkata Subba Reddy
Sri U.S.Sreekrishnudu
Sri P.Raj Kumar
Sri Kolar Krishnan
Sri L.Tirupal Reddy
Sri B.Naga Raju
Sri G.Ram Prasad
Sri K.Mohan Das
Sri L.K.Durga Rao
Sri T.Satyanarayana
Sri K.Subba Rayudu
Sri T.Parjun Reddy
Sri M.Eeranna

Director (Investigation)
Dy. Director (Invn.)
Dy.Director (Invn.)
Dy.Director (Invn.)
Dy.Director (Invn.)
Dy.Director (Invn.)
Investigating Officer
Investigating Officer
Head Constable
Head Constable
Police Constable
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VACATIONS, HOLIDAYS AND WORKING HOURS:

Rule 4 of Andhra Pradesh Lokayukta and Upa-Lokayukta (Conditions of Service) Rules, 1987 provides that the Vacations, General Holidays and Hours of Work for the Lokayukta and Upa-Lokayukta and for the officers and other employees of the Institution shall be such as may be declared by the Lokayukta from time to time and further that the Lokayukta and Upa-Lokayukta shall have a vacation of 30 working days in each calendar year.

Accordingly, for the year 2023, following Vacations and General Holidays are declared:

VACATIONS

1. Sankranti Vacation : From 09.01.2023 to 17.01.2023
2. Summer Vacation : From 08.05.2023 to 05.06.2023
3. Dussehra Vacation : From 25.10.2023 to 27.10.2023

GENERAL HOLIDAYS

All Sundays and Second Saturdays and apart from it 22 days falling on important festivals and events, have been declared as General Holidays for the year 2023.

WORKING HOURS

Working hours for the Institution of Lokayukta are from 10.30AM to 5.00PM on all working days.

**THE PARTICULARS OF ANNUAL BUDGET PROVISION MADE FOR THE
FINANCIAL YEAR 2023-2024:**

BUDGET PROVISION

The Budget Provision allocated by the Government of Andhra Pradesh to this Institution for the Financial Year 2023-2024 under various Heads of Accounts is Rs.9,83,28,000/- i.e., Salaries and Non-Salaries.

A Sum of Rs. 7,51,02,000/- has been allocated under the “Salaries Head” including the Arrears Salaries and Rs. 2,32,26,000/- under the “Non-Salaries Head” in the Budget Provision for the Financial Year 2023-2024. Out of the said Budget Provision, a total sum of Rs. 6,11,47,583/- under the Salaries Head including the Arrears Salaries and Rs. 1,06,53,465/- under the Non-Salaries Head has been incurred by the Institution of Lokayukta of Andhra Pradesh up to the end of December, 2023 for the Financial Year 2023-2024.

DETAILS OF BUDGET ALLOCATED FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2023-2024 BY THE GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

Head of Account	Amount (Rs.)	Allocated Additional Funds (Rs.)
DH - 010 – Salaries	7,50,98,000	-
DH - 100 – Arrears Salaries	4,000	-
DH - 110 - Domestic Travel Expenses		
SDH - 111 - Travelling Allowance	20,00,000	-
SDH - 112 - Bus Warrants	1,00,000	-
DH - 130 - Office Expenses		
SDH- 131 - Service Postage & Telegram & Telephone charges	15,00,000	-
SDH- 133 - Water & Electricity charges	-	-
SDH- 134 – Hiring of Private Vehicles	14,40,000	-
SDH- 135 –Office Expenses – Consumables/Stationery	20,00,000	-
SDH- 136 –Office Expenses – Maintenance/Minor Repairs	2,00,000	-
SDH- 137 –Office Expenses – Administrative Expenses	20,00,000	-
SDH- 138 – Office Expenses – Internet Charges	5,00,000	-
SDH- 139 – Office Expenses – Mobile Service/Call Charges	5,00,000	-
DH - 140 – Rents, Rates and Taxes		-
SDH - 141 – Rents, Rates and Taxes	64,60,000	
DH - 160 - Publications		
SDH - 161 - Publications	3,00,000	-
SDH - 162 – Purchase of Books, Magazines and Periodicals	3,00,000	-
DH - 200 - Other Administrative Expenses		-
SDH - 202 – Functions and Events	4,00,000	-
SDH - 204 – Protocol Expenditure for Dignitaries	2,00,000	-

DH - 210 – Materials and Supplies		
SDH - 213 – Purchase of Office Hardware and Peripherals	5,00,000	-
SDH - 215 – AMC Charges - Hardware	5,00,000	-
SDH - 216 – AMC Charges - Software	3,00,000	-
SDH - 217 – Purchase of Furniture & Fixtures	5,00,000	-
SDH - 218 – Transportation of Materials	1,00,000	-
SDH - 219 – Software Development	2,00,000	-
DH - 240 - Petrol, Oil and Lubricants		
SDH - 241 – Charges towards Office Vehicles	20,00,000	-
DH - 250 – Clothing, Tentage and Store		
SDH - 251 – Clothing	2,00,000	-
SDH - 253 – Stitching Charges	1,00,000	-
SDH - 254 – Shoes & Socks	25,000	-
DH - 270-Minor Works		
SDH- 272- Maintenance	1,00,000	-
DH- 310- Grants-in-Aid		
SDH- 318- Obsequies Charges	1,000	-
DH - 510 - Motor Vehicles		
SDH - 511 – Maintenance of Office Vehicles	8,00,000	-
SDH - 512 – Purchase of Office Vehicles	-	
Total Allotted Budget under Salaries and Non-Salaries	9,83,28,000	

COMPLAINT FEES BREAKUP PARTICULARS

Cash, DDs received from 01.01.2023 to 31.12.2023 and remitted to the Government Account/Refunded to the Complainants

Sl. No	Month	Receipts		Remittances		Cash on Hand	Refund/Return
		Cash	DDs	Cash	DDs		
1	Jan'2023	13,350	6,550	13,200	6,550	-	-
2	Feb'2023	16,520	7,375	14,920	7,375	-	450
3	Mar'2023	15,160	8,750	9,000	8,700	-	-
4	Apr'2023	16,675	6,175	19035	6,175	-	150
5	May'2023	10,400	10,600	10,850	10,600	-	-
6	June'2023	14,420	7,150	17,520	7,150	-	450
7	July'2023	22,630	7,685	13,070	7,685	-	200
8	Aug'2023	19,660	10,253	24,020	10,253	-	100
9	Sep'2023	20,500	13,550	21,850	13,550	-	-
10	Oct'2023	19,500	15,700	21,150	15,700	-	150
11	Nov'2023	22,400	8,085	18000	8,085	-	-
12	Dec'2023	23,750	10,500	22,400	10,500	-	150
						8300	
	TOTAL	2,14,965	1,12,373	2,05,015	1,12,373	8300	1,650

2023 At A GLANCE

Complaints pending as on 01.01.2023 - 4268
Complaints received during the year 2023 - 2813
Total Complaints - **7081**

Complaints disposed off (Decision taken)
during the year 2023 - **3026**

Total Disposal Rate, out of total complaints pending for
disposal (7081)
57.26 %

Disposal of complaints during the year 2023 is more than
the complaints filed i.e. 213 (3026-2813)

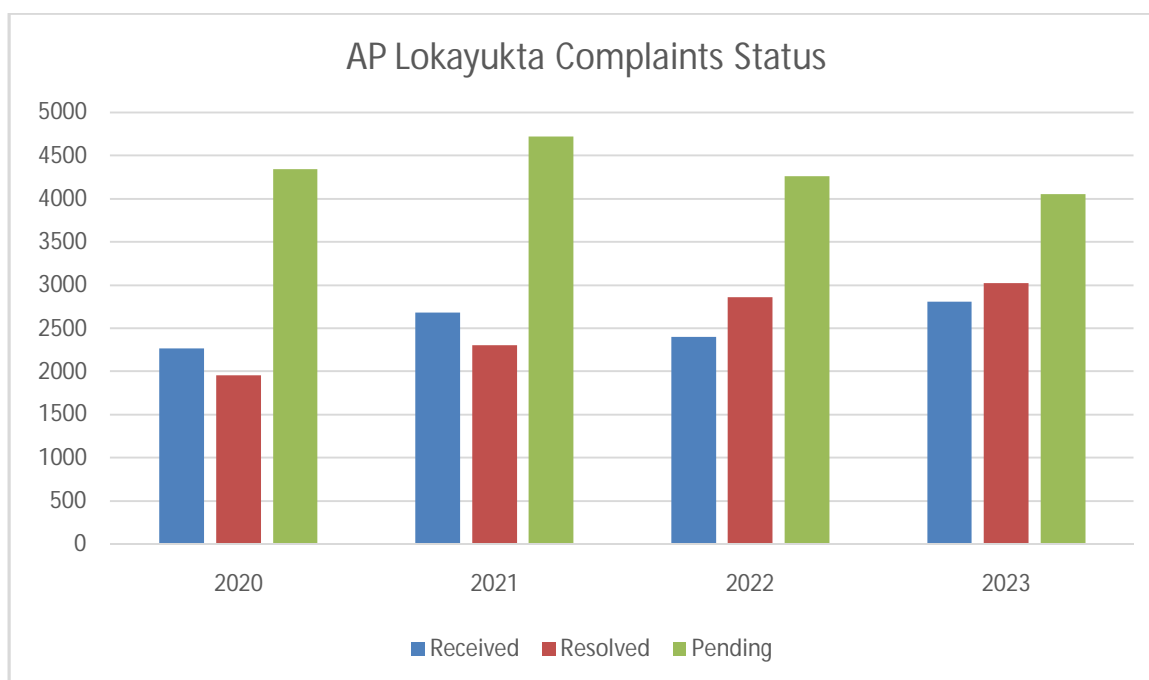
**STATEMENT SHOWING THE PARTICULARS OF
COMPLAINTS RECEIVED, DISPOSED OFF AND PENDING
BEFORE THE HON'BLE LOKAYUKTA OF ANDHRA PRADESH
DURING THE PERIOD FROM 01.01.2023 TO 31.12.2023**

CONSOLIDATED

S.NO.	PARTICULARS	LOKAYUKTA (B1)	UPA- LOKAYUKTA (B2)	TOTAL
1	Complaints pending as on 01.01.2023	2169	2099	4268
2	Complaints received during the period from 01.01.2023 to 31.12.2023	1771	1042	2813
3	Complaints available for disposal	3940	3141	7081
4	Complaints disposed-off during the period from 01.01.2023 to 31.12.2023	1878	1148	3026
5	Complaints pending as on 31.12.2023	2062	1993	4055

INSTITUTION OF LOKAYUKTA OF ANDHRA PRADESH

COMPLAINTS STATUS FOR THE YEARS 2020, 2021, 2022 & 2023



Year	Complaints Received	Complaints resolved	Complaints Pending
2020	2273	1961	4348
2021	2685	2307	4726
2022	2405	2863	4268
2023	2813	3026	4055

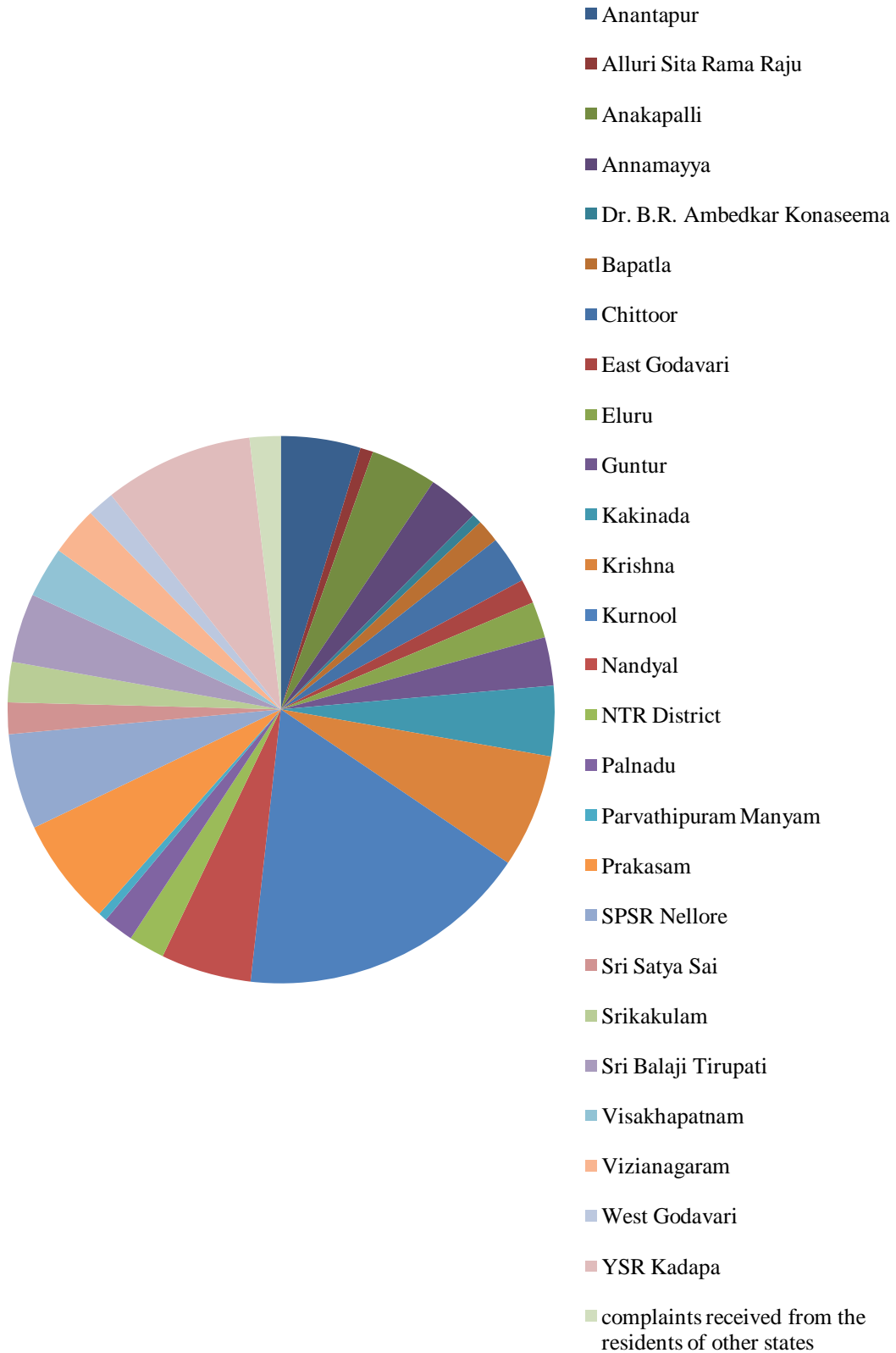
ANDHRA PRADESH DISTRICTS MAP



**INSTITUTION OF LOKAYUKTA OF ANDHRA PRADESH
STATEMENT SHOWING DISTRICT WISE COMPLAINTS STATUS FOR THE
PERIOD FROM JANUARY 2023 TO DECEMBER 2023**

S. NO	DISTRICT	NO OF COMPLAINTS
1	ALLURI SEETA RAMARAJU	21
2	ANAKAPALLI	111
3	ANANTHAPUR	132
4	ANNAMAYYA	85
5	Dr. B.R.AMBEDKAR KONASEEMA	16
6	BAPATLA	39
7	CHITTOOR	79
8	EAST GODAVARI	40
9	ELURU	60
10	GUNTUR	81
11	KAKINADA	116
12	KRISHNA	189
13	KURNOOL	488
14	NANDYAL	150
15	NTR DISTRICT	60
16	PALNADU	51
17	PARVATHIPURAM MANYAM	14
18	PRAKASAM	178
19	SPSR NELLORE	159
20	SRI SATYA SAI DISTRICT	53
21	SRIKAKULAM	67
22	TIRUPATI	114
23	VISAKHAPATNAM	85
24	VIZIANAGARAM	80
25	WEST GODAVARI	45
26	YSR KADAPA	248
27	COMPLAINTS RECEIVED FROM THE RESIDENTS OF OTHER STATES	52
Grand Total		2813

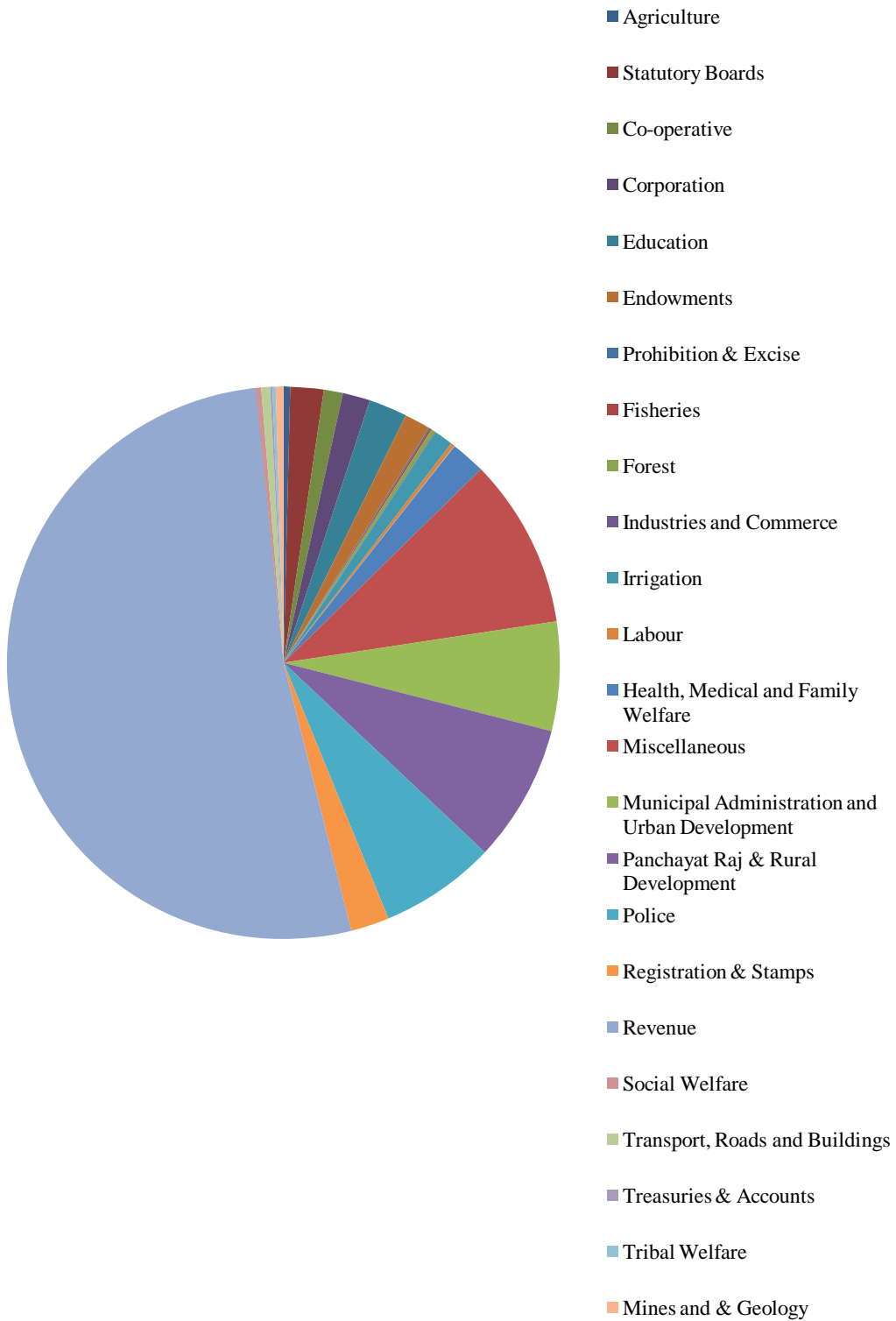
DISTRICT WISE COMPLAINTS STATUS



INSTITUTION OF LOKAYUKTA OF ANDHRA PRADESH
STATEMENT SHOWING DEPARTMENT WISE COMPLAINTS STATUS FOR THE PERIOD FROM
JANUARY 2023 TO DECEMBER 2023

S.NO	DEPARTMENT	NO OF COMPLAINTS
1	AGRICULTURE	11
2	STATUTORY BOARDS	55
3	CO-OPERATIVE	31
4	CORPORATION	45
5	EDUCATION	63
6	ENDOWMENTS	43
7	PROHIBITION & EXCISE	02
8	FISHERIES	03
9	FOREST	06
10	INDUSTRIES	02
11	IRRIGATION	31
12	LABOUR	07
13	MEDICAL & HEALTH	57
14	MISCELLANEOUS	279
15	MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT	180
16	PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT	226
17	POLICE	191
18	REGISTRATION & STAMPS	63
19	REVENUE	1473
20	SOCIAL WELFARE	09
21	TRANSPORT, ROADS & BUILDINGS	14
22	TREASURIES & ACCOUNTS	04
23	TRIBAL WELFARE	05
24	MINES & GEOLOGY	13
	TOTAL	2813

DEPARTMENT WISE COMPLAINTS STATUS



LOKAYUKTA'S IMPACT ON GOVERNMENT REVENUE RECOVERY IN 2023

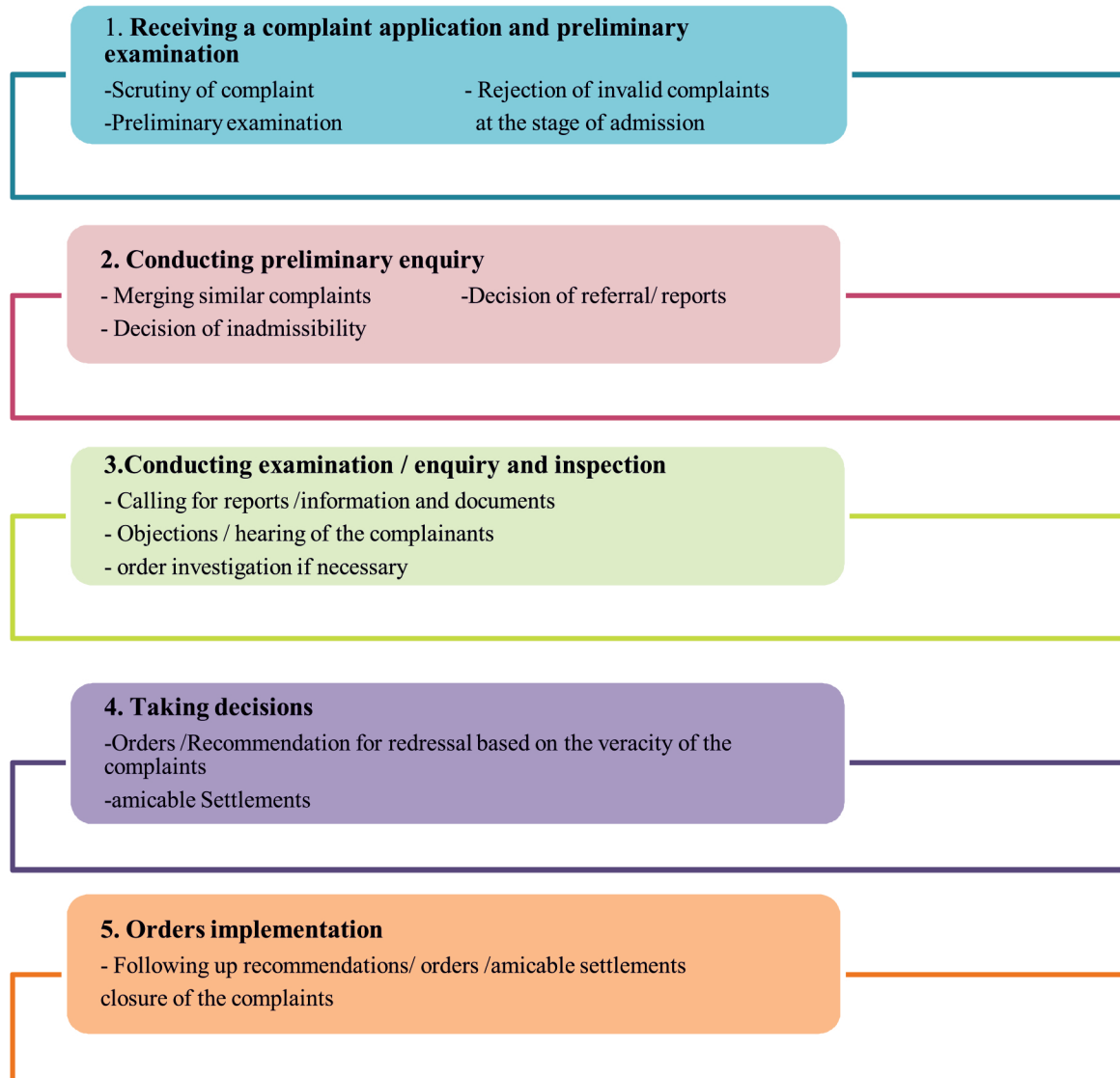
Complaint No.	Nature of the Case	Amount recovered (Rs.)
847/2022/B1	Misappropriated amount of MGNREGS funds.	8,68,623/-
1552/2022/B1	Amounts recovered from the Executing Agency of RWS & S Department works.	2,02,807/-
2409/2021/B1	Excess amount paid under PMFBY Insurance Claim.	95,363/-
3504/2017/B1	Treasury Department Officials Fraud case.	85,04,228/-
1472/2022/B1	False claims of FTOs, due to irregular booking of e-crop particulars of paddy crop in <i>Rythu Bharosa Kendram</i> (RBK), Thallampadu.	18,07,120/-
1257/2022/B1	Excess GST amount paid to the Contractor by the Endowment (Revenue) Department.	3,49,165/-
2033/2017/B1	Recovery of Misappropriated Gram Panchayat funds of Sakhinetipalli Village.	2,45,621/-
3426/2017/B2	Labour cess dues recovered from the builders in Guntur Municipal Corporation.	2,18,46,487/-
198/2020/B1	Recovery of misappropriated MGNREGS funds in Tuggali Mandal.	2,80,711/-
1343/2022/B1	Recovery of amounts misappropriated in Samagra Siksha Abhiyan Department.	1,18,708/-
124/2021/B1	Irregularities in distribution of input subsidy for the crop damage in Bommireddypalli Village, Kanigiri Mandal for the crop damage.	85,830/-
3682/2016/B1	Recovery of erroneous payments for the land acquired under Polavaram Project.	3,03,27,734/-
689/2017/B1	Misappropriated amounts of MGNREGS funds in Kurnool District.	3,31,107/-
1075/2019/B1	Misappropriated amounts of Animal Husbandry funds under Sheep Breeders Scheme.	1,87,03,590/-
2766/2017/B1	Recovery of Misappropriated amount of Panchayat Raj funds in Vizianagaram District from Executing Agency of works.	2,18,49,000/-
526/2012/B1 & 2537/2013/B1	Misappropriated amount and unspent amount by the SC Corporation, Vizianagaram in execution of borewell drilling works.	98,000/- + 3,56,521/-

1073/2018/B1	Recovery of amount from the contractor for substandard quality of works in Nagulavaram Gram Panchayat.	35,954/-
2250/2021/B2	Penalty amount imposed by the revenue authorities, on the school teacher for obtaining white ration card and benefits under <i>Amma Vadi Scheme</i> for which he is not eligible.	70,105/-
1097/2022/B2	Recovery of deficit building fee by Uravakonda Gram Panchayat, Ananthapuram District.	1,48,656/-
1013/2019/B1	Penalty imposed for illegal transportation of soil from the assigned fertile lands in East Godavari District.	4,16,240/-
4449/2015/B1	Amount recovered from the Panchayat Secretary for delay in remittance of amount and amount recovered from the bidder towards VAT and Quality Control Tax in Kunderu Gram Panchayat, Kankipadu Mandal.	3,05,275/-
1249/2019/B1	Drainage cess due collected by the Puttaparthi Nagara Panchayat from building owner.	15,160/-
1058/2020/B1	Penalty amount imposed and collected by the District Registrar, Chittoor from M/s. Shriram Chits Private Limited.	1,05,000/-
601/2023/B1	Penalty amount recovered from the illegal transporters of minerals by the Mines and Geology Department, Nandyal District.	6,10,91,021/-
800/2021/B1	Government fee collected towards issue of No Objection Certificates to the building owners of Prakasam District by the Fire Services Department.	1,34,94,363/-
197/2020/B1	Amount recovered and remitted towards Labour cess by the Urban Local Bodies in the State.	19,69,29,070/-
82/2010/B2	Amounts recovered from the contractors' bills for irregular execution of works by the Irrigation Circle Officials, Dawalaiswaram.	7,42,642/-
889/2023/B2	Arrears of Property Tax recovered from VIT-AP and SRM-AP Universities by the District Panchayat Officer, Guntur.	2,90,42,474/-

1227/2022/B2	Misappropriation of house Tax amount & <i>Gaddi Pata</i> Auction amount in Munnangi Gram Panchayat recovered from the concerned Gram Panchayat Secretary and other Officials.	9,75,902/-
05/2018/B2	Recovery of misappropriation amount in Gurazada Gram Panchayat.	96,146/-
4207/2022/B2	Recovery of misappropriated amount under NTR Bharosa Social Security Scheme in Ananthapuram District from the erring officials.	7,96,760/-
4194/2015/B1	Misappropriated amount by the Manager of Korisipadu Group Temples by the Commissioner Endowments Department, AP. Arrears of rent due to the Endowments Department pertaining to Karanam Ramaiah and Nagaratnamma Charities, Thimmasamudram.	4,99,577/- + 60,500/-
3281/2012/B2	Misappropriated amount recovered from former Chairman of Sri Anjaneya Swamy Temple, Nemakal Village by the Executive Officer of the said temple.	91,800/-
191/2018/B1	Misused funds of Chinarikatla Gram Panchayat of Prakasam District by the Sarpanch and other Gram Panchayat Officials.	1,39,955/-
741/2023/B1	Misappropriated amounts of MGNREGS funds by the Officials in Palnadu District.	30,751/-
1214/2021/B2	Amount recovered from the employee of Vuyyuru Nagara Panchayat for obtaining White Ration Card for which he is not eligible.	1,39,080/-
713/2023/B1	Misappropriated amount recovered from the employee of AP Tourism Development Corporation.	1,00,000/-

Grievance Resolution Procedure

When a complaint application is received, it is handled through the following steps:-



**INSTITUTION OF LOKAYUTKA OF ANDHRA PRADESH
PRASAD'S COMPLEX, D.No.96/3-72-124-1, Santhosh Nagar, Revenue Ward-96,
KURNOOL – 518 006.A.P.**

FORM NO. I (COMPLAINT)

U/s.9(2) of the Andhra Pradesh Lokayukta and Upa-Lokayukta Act, 1983 (r/w) Rules 5(1) of the Andhra Pradesh Lokayukta and Upa-Lokayukta (Investigation) Rules, 1984.

1. Name, address, Phone No., E.Mail ID, Aadhar Number (enclose copy of Aadhar Card of the complainant) for all correspondence in respect of the complaint:
2. Name, Designation and address of the Public Servant complained Against:
3. Brief facts relating to the action complained of (Complainant's affidavit in the prescribed form to be enclosed):
4. If the complainant or the person for whom he is acting as aggrieved the nature of the grievance should be specifically mentioned:
5. Name and address of the witnesses whom the complainant desires to examine in support of the allegations (affidavits, if any, of the witnesses may be produced):
6. Particulars of the documents relied upon by the complainant in support of the allegations:
7. If the documents relief upon or their true copies are available with the complainant, they should be enclosed and details thereof should be furnished:
8. If the documents relief upon are not in the custody of or cannot be produced by the complainant, the office or individual from whom they may be secured should be specified:
9. Did the complainant make a complaint previously to the Lokayukta or the Upa-Lokayukta or any other authority for redressal of his grievance in respect of the action now complained of and against the Public Servant mentioned in Col.No.(3) (Particulars to be furnished together with the result of the previous complaint).
10. Remarks if any:

Note Copies of affidavits and documents shall be enclosed in duplicate for office use and in as many sets as there are Public Servants complained against.

Signature or Thumb Mark of
the Complainant.

INSTITUTION OF LOKAYUKTA OF ANDHRA PRADESH

FORM NO.II

(Complainant's Affidavit)

(See Rule 3(1))

Before the Lokayukta/Upa-Lokayukta for Andhra Pradesh.

Photo of the
Complainant

I _____, S/o. _____
Aged _____ Profession _____
Resident of _____

District _____ do hereby solemnly affirm and state as follows:

1. That I am the complainant in this case.
2. I have enclosed hereto a complaint making allegations against Sri/Smt. _____.

The contents of my complaint may be read as part and parcel of this Affidavit.

3. That the statements of this complaint petition have been read by/read over to me and understood by me and that I declare and affirm that they are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Dated: _____ Signature or Thumb mark of the Deponent.

Solemnly affirmed before me this _____ day of _____ at _____.

Signature of Attestor:

With seal.

Note: Form No.II should be attested by a Gazetted Officer/Village Munisif or Patel/Member of the State Legislature/Advocate/Notary Public/Sarpanch, or a Central Nazir or Deputy Nazir Governed by the Andhra Pradesh Judicial Ministerial Service Rules.

ఆంధ్రప్రదేశ్ లోకాయుక్త సంస్థ

ప్రసాద్ కాంప్లెక్స్, డోరు నెంబర్ 96/3-72-124-1, సంతోష్ నగర్, రెవెన్యూ వార్డ్-96,
కర్నూలు-518 006 (ఎ.పి.)

నమూనా నెంబరు అభియోగము (ఫిర్యాదు)

1984వ సంవత్సరపు ఆంధ్రప్రదేశ్ లోకాయుక్త చట్టములోని సెక్షన్ 9(2) నిబంధనలలోని 5(1) నిబంధనలను అనుసరించి

1. ఫిర్యాది పేరు, చిరునామా, ఫోన్ నెంబరు, ఇ.మెయిల్ ఐ.డి., ఆధార్ నెంబర్ (ఆధార్ కార్డు యొక్క నకలు జత చేయవలెను) (అభియోగమునకు సంబంధించిన ఉత్తర ప్రత్యుత్తరముల కొరకు) మరియు లిఖితపూర్వకమైన ఫిర్యాదును జత పరచవలెను.
2. నిందితుడు అయిన అధికారి పేరు, హోదా, చిరునామా :
3. అభియోగము చేయబడిన చర్యను గురించి సంక్షిప్త వివరణ నిర్దేశించిన నమూనాల ఫిర్యాది ప్రమాణ పత్రిక (అఫిడవిట్) జతపరచవలెను :
4. ఫిర్యాది కాని, మరొక వ్యక్తికి గాను ఫిర్యాదిగా వ్యవహరిస్తున్న యెడల అట్టి వ్యక్తిగాని సప్లఫడి ఉండినట్లయితే, సప్ల స్వభావమును ప్రత్యేకించి వివరించవలెను :
5. ఆరోపణలను రుజువు చేసుకొనడానికి ఫిర్యాది విచారించకోరే సాక్షుల పేర్లు, చిరునామా (సాక్షుల ప్రమాణ పత్రికలు) :
6. ఆరోపణల రుజువు చేసే నిమిత్తం ఫిర్యాది ఆధారపడిన (సాధనాల) వివరములు :
7. పత్రాలు (సాధనాలు) కానీ వాటి నకళ్లు కానీ ఫిర్యాది వద్ద ఉండినట్లయితే వాటిని వివరాలతో సహా జతపరచవలెను :
8. ఫిర్యాది ఆధారపడే పత్రాలు (సాధనాలు) అతని వద్ద లేకపోయినప్పుడు, లేదా అతను వాటిని హాజరు పరచలేక పోయినప్పుడు ఆ పత్రాలు (సాధనాలు) ఏ కార్యాలయములో లేక ఏ తావున ఉన్నవి, వాటిని ఎవరి వద్ద నుండి తెప్పించుకోవచ్చును అనే వివరాలు తెలపాలి :
9. తనకు కలిగే నష్టాన్ని గురించి ఫిర్యాది లోకాయుక్తకు గాని, ఉప-లోకాయుక్తకు గాని లేక ఇతర అధికారికి గాని ప్రస్తుత చర్యకు సంబంధించి 3వ కాలమ్లో చెప్పినట్టి అధికారి మీద ఇదివరలో అభియోగము చేసి ఉన్నారా ?
10. ఇతర విషయములు ఏమైనా ఉండినట్లయితే ?

స్థలము :-

తేది :-

ఫిర్యాది సంతకము/వేలిముద్ర

గమనిక :- ప్రమాణ పత్రికలు (సాధనాలు) నకళ్లు కార్యాలయం వినియోగించుకొనేందుకు రెండు నకళ్లు పంపవలెను.

ఆంధ్రప్రదేశ్ లోకాయుక్త సంస్థ

నమూనా నెంబరు II (ఫిర్యాది ప్రమాణ పత్రిక)

ఫిర్యాదిదారు ఫోటో
అతికించవలెను

1984 వ సంవత్సరపు ఆంధ్రప్రదేశ్ లోకాయుక్త, ఉప-లోకాయుక్త విచారణ నిబంధనలలోని 3(1) నిబంధనను
అనుసరించి

నేను అనగా _____

తండ్రి పేరు _____

వృత్తి _____

నివాసం _____

ఇందు మూలంగా ప్రమాణ పూర్వకంగా తెలియజేయునది ఏమనగా :-

1. నేను ఈ అభియోగముల ఫిర్యాదిని,
2. శ్రీ/శ్రీమతి

కి వ్యతిరేకంగా నేను వంపుకున్న అభియోగాన్ని ఈ ప్రమాణ పత్రికలో జతపరచుచున్నాను.

దానిలో వివరించిన విషయాలను ఈ ప్రమాణ పత్రికలో జతపరచుచున్నాను.

3. అభియోగమును నేను చదువుకొన్నాను/నాకు చదివి వినిపించబడింది. దానిలోని విషయాలను నేను అర్థం చేసుకొన్నాను. అవి అన్నీ నాకు తెలిసినంత వరకు నిజం అయిన విషయాలని నేను నమ్ముచున్నాను.

సంతకం లేక బ్రౌటన వ్రేలి ముద్ర.

తేది :-

పై ప్రమాణ పత్రిక ఈ తేది వ
నా యెదుట ధృవీకరించబడింది.

సంతకం :-

కార్యాలయ ముద్ర :-

గమనిక :- ఈ ప్రమాణ పత్రమును సర్పంచ్, ఎం.ఎల్.ఏ., న్యాయవాది (అడ్వకేట్) లేదా గెజిటెడ్ అధికారితో గాని ,
ధృవీకరించబడి ఉండాలి.

**DETAILS OF PRO-ACTIVE MEASURES TAKEN BY THE HON'BLE
LOKAYUKTA DURING THE YEAR 2023**

The following are some of the Suo-motu cases/ complaints taken up by the Hon'ble Lokayukta which are of general and public interest:-

COMPLAINT NO:601/2023/B1 (AP Lokayukta Takes Proactive Measures to Curb Illegal Mining):-

In a significant move addressing public concerns, the Andhra Pradesh Lokayukta has taken Suo-motu cognizance of a complaint based on a newspaper report highlighting rampant illegal mining activities in various villages of the Dhone Assembly Constituency. The report, titled "పాతాళంలో ఖనిజాల తవ్వకం," published in Eenadu Daily Newspaper on April 1, 2023, shed light on unauthorized mining, transportation of minerals, and lax enforcement by concerned authorities.

To investigate these allegations, the Lokayukta issued comprehensive directives on April 1, 2023, directing key officials to conduct thorough probes and take appropriate actions against those involved in illegal mining. The institutions involved include the Director of Mines and Geology, the District Collector of Nandyal, and the Superintendent of Police for Nandyal District.

The Lokayukta's directives included:

1. Director of Mines and Geology, AP:

- Conduct a confidential probe into the allegations made in the news item.
- Take appropriate action against officials if lapses are found.
- Install CCTV cameras at mining check posts.
- Take strict action against illegal mining operators, including imposing heavy penalties and cancelling mining leases.

2. District Collector, Nandyal District:

- Conduct a confidential probe into allegations related to the Revenue Department's monitoring of illegal mining activities.

3. Superintendent of Police, Nandyal District:

- Instruct Police Officials to undertake regular patrols and take legal action against illegal transportation and blasting activities.
- Ensure proper licensing for explosive substances and take immediate action against violations.

Subsequently, reports submitted by the Director of Mines and Geology, Government of AP, outlined various proactive measures taken to curb illegal mining:

- Establishment of mining observation check posts to monitor mineral transportation.
- Collection of substantial sums (Rs. 2.64 Crores and Rs. 3.41 Crores) from illicit mineral transportation and unauthorized illegal transporters, respectively.
- Show cause notices issued to quarry leaseholders for safety violations.
- Seizure of vehicles involved in illegal quarry mining, resulting in significant penalties.

Additionally, the Superintendent of Police, Nandyal District, took the following effective measures:

- Formation of special teams for constant vigilance in mining areas.
- Random surprise checks at mining spots to ensure compliance with licensing conditions.
- Strict enforcement of regulations at the explosive substance storage godowns.

The District Collector, Nandyal, also reported the formation of teams for vigilance, regular patrolling, and surprise checks to curb illegal mining.

In conclusion, the proactive measures initiated by the AP Lokayukta, along with the collaborative efforts of concerned departments, have yielded positive results

in curbing illegal mining activities and ensuring the government receives rightful royalties from mining operations.

COMPLAINT NO:778/2023/B1 (Measures to Curb Unethical Practices in Government General Hospital, Kurnool):-

A Suo-motu complaint is initiated by the Lokayukta based on a newspaper report published in Eenadu daily on April 22, 2023, concerning the unethical practices in Government General Hospital, Kurnool, and the Lokayukta has taken proactive measures to address the issue and ensure the proper utilization of government healthcare facilities.

The complaint highlighted that private diagnostic and testing labs were taking advantage of delays in diagnostic tests at the Government General Hospital, leading to vulnerable patients being lured into private labs. Allegations also suggested that some private lab agents were giving monthly payments to hospital authorities to continue their activities within the premises.

To investigate and rectify these allegations, the Lokayukta issued directives to various authorities on April 24, 2023. These included:

1. The District Collector and Chairman of the General Hospital Development Committee was directed to examine the situation thoroughly and take actions to curb unethical practices by private labs. This involved assessing the adequacy of lab facilities, ensuring availability of reagents, setting up help desks, providing proper guidance to patients, and monitoring the presence of private lab agents in the hospital premises.
2. The Director of Medical Education and the Superintendent of Police were instructed to conduct confidential probes into the allegations and submit their reports by June 26, 2023.
3. The District Collector and Chairman of the Hospital Development Committee was tasked with devising an action plan to improve the situation and submitting an action taken report.

The District Collector, in response to these directives, implemented several measures to curb unethical practices. These measures included directing all outpatients in need of investigations to the central lab, arranging help desks at the emergency department entrance, installing signboards for guidance, conducting sensitization and awareness meetings for staff, and facilitating reimbursement for tests conducted at authorized labs.

The Superintendent of Police's report confirmed that private labs had recruited agents who misled patients, leading to an approximate daily expenditure of up to 2 lakh rupees on tests from Government General Hospital patients in private labs. The report also hinted at the involvement of some hospital staff, including doctors and nurses, in receiving commissions from private diagnostic centers.

In light of these findings, the Lokayukta directed the District Collector and Chairman, Hospital Development Committee, Kurnool, to examine the report and issue suitable instructions to prevent the activities of private lab agents within the Government General Hospital premises and ensure that government healthcare facilities are utilized to its full potential, aligning with the objective of providing cost-free medical facilities to the general public.

[COMPLAINT NO:1636/2023/B1 \(Lokayukta's Swift Action: Ensuring Justice for a Downtrodden Soul\):-](#)

The Andhra Pradesh Lokayukta took Suo-motu cognizance of a distressing case reported in the Eenadu Daily edition dated 05.09.2023. The news article, titled "బతికున్న పెనిమిటిని చంపేశారు," shed light on the plight of Siddavatam Sarvotham Reddy, a disabled individual from Yagantipalle, Krishnagiri Mandal, whose ration card and disability/old age pension had been unjustly revoked.

Responding promptly to the issue, the Lokayukta, under orders dated 06.09.2023, directed the District Civil Supplies Officer, Kurnool, and the Project Director, DRDA, Kurnool, to rectify the situation. The Authorities were instructed to include Sarvotham Reddy's name in the ration card, restore disability/old age pension on humanitarian grounds, and submit an action taken report.

In adherence to these directives, on 20.09.2023 the District Civil Supply Officer was present and submitted report of the District Collector, Kurnool dated 14.09.2023 stating that recently, the Commissioner of Civil Supplies, Vijayawada has enabled Edit Option in Joint Collector, Kurnool Login. Utilizing the Option, S.Sarvottam Reddy is activated as alive and included in Ration Card No.2802004659 and Photograph showing the issue of Ration Card to him is enclosed to the report.

The Project Director, DRDA, Kurnool, also submitted a report dated 02.12.2023, detailing the steps taken to reinstate Sarvotham Reddy's entitlements. The Superintendent of the Government General Hospital, Kurnool, issued a SADAREM Certificate, establishing the complainant's eligibility for disabled pension. The details were promptly entered into online platforms, including the GSWS Website, with a request forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer, SERP, Vijayawada, for the sanction of disabled pension.

COMPLAINT NO:2690/2023/B1 (AP Lokayukta Takes Suo-Motu Action to Safeguard Government Lands):-

In a significant move to address the rampant issue of illegal encroachments on government and canal lands, the Andhra Pradesh Lokayukta has taken Suo-motu cognizance of a news item published in the Eenadu Daily newspaper on 26th December 2023. The article, titled "కన్నుపడితే కైవసమే!", sheds light on the unlawful conversion of valuable lands by followers of ruling party-political leaders into housing plots.

The Lokayukta, under the powers conferred by Section 7(3) of the AP Lokayukta Act and Rule 2 (viii), Rule 5 of AP Lokayukta and Upa-Lokayukta (Investigation) Rules, has initiated suo-motu proceedings based on the severity of the allegations. The institution aims to investigate and address the encroachments into government and canal lands, as well as the formation of illegal layouts.

The specific instances mentioned in the news item prompted the Lokayukta to issue directives to the Revenue Divisional Officers of the respective districts, outlining a comprehensive investigation plan:-

1. Vontimitta Village (Kadapa District):

- Verify the classification of Sy.No.2049 as Government land.
- Examine if the land has been converted for residential purposes with proper authorization.
- Scrutinize house plot registrations and identify any unauthorized transactions.
- Investigate if plots have been registered without proper authorization.

2. Devarapalli Mandal (Anakapalli District):

- Confirm encroachments on Ac.4.17 land in Sy.No.179 (Reddyvari Cheruvu).
- Determine if layouts have been formed in Reddyvari Cheruvu.
- Verify the classification of lands in Sy.Nos. 182, 180/22, 184 as Government lands.
- Investigate the conversion of agricultural land to non-agricultural use and the issuance of layout permissions.

3. Proddatur and Surrounding Areas (Jammalamadugu District):

- Establish if Sy.No.159A is classified as KC Canal.
- Investigate encroachments on the mentioned land.
- Examine illegal constructions in Proddatur, including the lascar building and commercial complex.
- Verify if the Municipality granted permissions for the said constructions.

4. Duvvada-Sabbavaram Road (Visakhapatnam District):

- Confirm encroachments on Cheruvu land in Sy.No.123.
- Investigate encroachments on land adjacent to the Cheruvu.

The Lokayukta emphasizes the need for a thorough examination of each aspect to ensure a comprehensive and just resolution.

COMPLAINT NO:1252/2023/B1 (Kurnool Municipal Corporation Takes Action Against Unauthorized Constructions):-

In a proactive move to address the rising concerns over unauthorized and illegal constructions in Kurnool town, the Lokayukta Institution took Suo-motu cognizance of a news report published in Sakshi Daily Newspaper. The report highlighted the rampant violations of building bylaws, setbacks, and deviations from sanctioned plans in the construction of commercial residential multi-storied buildings.

The Lokayukta Institution, invoking its powers under Section 7(3) of the AP Lokayukta Act, registered a complaint and subsequently issued directives to the Commissioner of Kurnool Municipal Corporation. The Commissioner, in turn, took several measures to curb the unauthorized constructions and submitted an action-taken report on 27.09.2023.

Key Actions Taken by Kurnool Municipal Corporation:

1. Survey to Identify Violations:

- A committee comprising responsible officers was constituted to conduct an extensive survey to identify and document unauthorized constructions.
- The report outlined the scale, locations, and nature of violations, obstructing normal life in the affected areas.

2. Strengthened Enforcement Measures:

- Regular monitoring of ongoing constructions by Ward Planning and Regulation Secretaries, ACPs, and TPS to ensure compliance with building regulations.
- Prompt surprise checks, issuance of demolition notices, penalties, and legal proceedings against violators as per applicable laws.

3. Launch of Awareness Campaign:

- Ward Planning and Regulation Secretaries implemented a comprehensive awareness program to educate citizens about the risks and consequences of unauthorized constructions.
- Interaction with building owners, Licensed Technical Personnel (LTPs), and builders to emphasize the importance of obtaining necessary approvals.

4. Collaboration with Other Agencies:

- Coordination with Traffic Police and other relevant stakeholders to address unauthorized constructions causing traffic issues.
- Joint inspections organized to identify encroachments hindering traffic in busy junctions.

5. Handling Previously Identified Constructions:

- Identification of 1700 unauthorized constructions since 2020, with a detailed breakdown of cases and actions taken.
- Provisional Orders (POs) issued, compliance achieved for 197 constructions with building approvals, Confirmation Orders (Cos) issued for 895 cases, and 62 constructions demolished.

6. Arrears of Property Tax:

- Clarification that arrears of property tax are not directly linked to the 1700 unauthorized constructions.
- Routine collection of fees from multi-storied commercial complexes through an automated process.

The comprehensive and prompt actions taken by the Kurnool Municipal Corporation, in response to the directives issued by the Lokayukta Institution, reflect a commitment to address the challenges posed by unauthorized constructions. The closure of the complaint is accompanied by a directive for the ongoing review of the

situation, underscoring the importance of continuous vigilance in mitigating potential risks associated with unauthorized constructions in the locality.

COMPLAINT NO:2246/2023/B1 (Action to Address Delay in Land Mutations):-

In response to a news item published in Eenadu Daily Newspaper, Kurnool District Edition dated 03.11.2023, the Andhra Pradesh Lokayukta took suo-motu cognizance of the issues faced by agriculturists due to the delay in land mutation processes. The news highlighted specific problems in the combined districts of Nandyal and Kurnool, shedding light on the number of pending mutation applications across various Revenue Divisions.

The Lokayukta initiated an investigation and observed that the abnormal delay in land mutations was causing significant challenges for agriculturists, leading to civil litigations and hindering access to loans, land sales, and government benefits. The delay was also attributed to the implementation of the "YSR Jagananna Saswatha Bhu Hakku mariyu Bhu Raksha" Survey Programme by some Revenue Officials.

Taking a proactive approach, the Lokayukta directed the Revenue Divisional Officers of Kurnool and Nandyal to:

1. Examine pending mutation requests Tahsildar-wise in their respective jurisdictions.
2. Issue suitable instructions to concerned Tahsildars for timely disposal within one month.
3. Personally involve themselves in the disposal process.
4. Conduct regular review meetings with Tahsildars to monitor progress.
5. Run awareness campaigns for agriculturists about their rights and the mutation process.
6. Emphasize adherence to statutory timelines for mutation requests.

The Lokayukta also urged the Revenue Divisional Officers to conduct a thorough review of the YSR Jagananna Saswatha Bhu Hakku mariyu Bhu Raksha programme's progress and settlement of pending mutation requests.

Responses from District Collectors and Revenue Divisional Officers:

In response to the Lokayukta's directives, the District Collector of Nandyal submitted a report along with reports from Revenue Divisional Officers. The report clarified the specific case of delay mentioned in the news item, citing the completion of the mutation process for Smt. Shakuntamma's land. Additionally, the report refuted claims of pending mutations beyond the Service Level Agreement (SLA) in Nandyal District.

The Revenue Divisional Officers reported that regular instructions were given to Tahsildars regarding timely disposal of mutation requests, and awareness campaigns were conducted at the village level. They affirmed that the news item's allegations were baseless and highlighted the absence of pending mutations beyond SLA in their respective divisions.

Further as directed by the Lokayukta, the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, AP issued instructions to the Collectors, to issue suitable instructions to the Revenue Divisional Officers and also take steps for disposal of mutation requests within the specific time prescribed under the statute and call for explanations from the concerned with regard to any intentional delays caused in disposal of mutation requests and issue a press note that any abnormal delays in mutation requests are to be brought to the notice of respective Collectors for taking further action in the matter.

The directives issued to Revenue Divisional Officers, Tahsildars, and District Collectors aim to streamline the mutation request process, eliminate delays, and enhance transparency, ultimately benefiting the agriculturists and safeguarding the objectives of government programs.

[COMPLAINT NO:2688/2023/B1 \(Suo-Motu Action taken by this Institution to Safeguard Government Land in Tirupati District\):-](#)

In a recent development, the Andhra Pradesh Lokayukta has initiated Suo-motu proceedings to address serious allegations of illegal encroachment on government land

in Sy.No.53 of K.V.B Puram, Tirupati District. The news, published in the Eenadu daily newspaper Main Edition dated 20.12.2023, highlights the unauthorized subdivision of approximately Ac.17.64 of government land, with a reported value of Rs.10.00 Crores.

According to the news report, influential local politicians, purportedly backed by the ruling party, orchestrated the rapid levelling and division of the government land into house plots, disregarding legal boundaries. Despite the intervention of the Tahsildar, who promptly reported the matter to the police, no decisive action was taken. This has raised concerns about the protection of valuable government property in the region.

Responding to the gravity of the allegations, the Andhra Pradesh Lokayukta invoked Section 7(3) of the AP Lokayukta Act and Rule 2 (Viii), Rule 5 of AP Lokayukta and Upa-Lokayukta (Investigation) Rules. Under the suo-motu powers conferred, the Lokayukta issued orders on 21.12.2023, directing the District Collector, Tirupati District, and the Revenue Divisional Officer, Srikalahasthi, to conduct a thorough inquiry into the matter.

The investigations are mandated to address the following key issues within a period of two months:

1. Verification of the government's ownership of the land in Sy.No.53 of K.V.Puram.
2. Examination of the formation of any unauthorized layouts on the subject land by dividing it into house plots.
3. Scrutiny of registered sale transactions concerning the government land.
4. Inquiry into any other pertinent issues related to the allegations mentioned in the news item.
5. Assessment of the steps taken to protect the government land from illegal encroachments.

Furthermore, the Superintendent of Police, Tirupati, has been directed to examine the allegations and submit an action taken report.

The findings of the investigations and subsequent actions taken will be crucial in ensuring accountability and preventing further encroachments on valuable government land in the region.

COMPLAINT NO:1961/2022/B1:-

The Andhra Pradesh Lokayukta has taken Suo-motu cognizance of a complaint based on news item report highlighting about unauthorized sand reaches and illegal sand mining in the Peddathippasamudram Assembly constituency area, particularly in Ankireddypalle and Jettivaripalle. It is alleged in the news item that private individuals are involved in illegal sand mining and transportation, and there is apparent complicity from local authorities. The complaint further highlights the environmental impact and potential consequences of illegal sand mining.

Under orders dated 19.09.2022, Lokayukta directed the District Collector to conduct a confidential probe into the allegations and submit a report by a specified date. Additionally, the Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG), Kurnool Range, has been directed to investigate and take appropriate action against illegal sand transportation, sand dumps, and the use of machinery and vehicles for illegal sand mining. The Superintendent of Police, Annamayya District, has been instructed to undertake regular patrols in the identified areas, install CCTV cameras in hotspots, monitor activities, and take action against violators.

The report from the District Collector indicates that unknown persons have illegally dumped a significant quantity of sand near Ankireddypalli Village. The authorities have seized the sand and are considering its utilization for government construction purposes.

The Deputy Inspector General of Police, Kurnool Range submitted his report dated 20.01.2023 stating that the following adequate steps have been taken by the Police Officials towards sand menace in order to curb its recurrence:-

- A border check post has been established at Chandrayunipalle Village, on T.Sadum-Chinthamani Road of PTM Mandal and adequate staff were deputed.

- Two CCTV Cameras were installed at the check post in order to capture the illegal transportation, if any.
- Surveillance duties are being conducted at the Sand hotspots to prevent illegal transportation of sand from the reach.
- Special Sand beats are being implemented in coordination with Revenue Staff.

The Lokayukta Institution has taken the complaint seriously, initiated investigations, and issued directives to relevant authorities to curb illegal sand mining activities, ensuring accountability and appropriate actions against those involved.

AP LOKAYUKTA'S INTERVENTION RESOLVES VARIED GRIEVANCES EFFECTIVELY

COMPLAINT NO:1552/2018/B1& Batch (Upholding the Doctrine of Strict Liability in Electrical Accidents):-

The Andhra Pradesh Lokayukta has addressed numerous complaints from the legal heirs of individuals who tragically lost their lives in electrical accidents. The Power Distribution Corporations – APSCDCL, APEPDCL, and APCPDCL – initially declined ex-gratia payments, citing the absence of negligence on their part. However, the Lokayukta, in a detailed order dated 05.06.2021, emphasized the applicability of the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission Compensation to Victims of Electrical Accidents Regulation, 2017.

The Lokayukta referred to pivotal High Court decisions and stressed that ex-gratia payments are mandated regardless of negligence, ensuring relief to the families of victims. Despite this, the Superintending Engineer of APCPDCL, Vijayawada, maintained that the responsibility lies with the government, not the corporations.

Highlighting several instances where ex-gratia payments were approved, the Lokayukta underscored the Corporation's obligation to adhere to the principles of the **Doctrine of Strict Liability**. This legal doctrine, validated by a precedent in the

Supreme Court, imposes liability on those engaging in hazardous activities, irrespective of negligence.

The Lokayukta noted the Corporation's deviation from its obligations and rejected the Superintendent's assertion that ex-gratia claims should be treated as compensation claims. It reiterated that ex-gratia payments do not necessitate an admission of liability, but rather serve as compassionate aid.

Taking cognizance of the Lokayukta's orders, the Chairman and Managing Director of APEPDCL initially cleared several ex-gratia payments and proposed an amendment to the APERC Compensation to Victims of Electrical Accidents Regulation, 2017. Subsequently, APERC amended the regulation, directing DISCOMS to provide compensation to all victims, regardless of fault or causation.



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**ANDHRA PRADESH ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
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FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE ANDHRA PRADESH ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION COMPENSATION TO VICTIMS OF ELECTRICAL ACCIDENTS REGULATION, 2017 (REGULATION NO.2 OF 2017).

REGULATION No.09 OF 2023

Introduction:

The Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (APERC) notified the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission Compensation to Victims of Electrical Accidents Regulation, 2017 (Regulation No. 2 of 2017), hereinafter referred to as the Principal Regulation. This regulation was published in the AP Extraordinary Gazette on May 29, 2017.

Whereas the Chairman and Managing Director of APEPDCL requested the Commission to amend the APERC Regulation 2 of 2017 for detailed directions on the quantum of payment of the ex-gratia amounts under different scenarios in the cases where electrical accidents occur to non-departmental persons and animals on the DISCOM network and where there is no departmental fault.

Whereas the Lokayukta of Andhra Pradesh in his order dated 31.10.2022 in complaint no. 1552/2018/B1 opined that the principle of the Doctrine of Strict Liability

imposes liability on a person undertaking an activity involving hazardous or risky exposure to human life to compensate for the injury suffered by any other person, irrespective of any negligence or carelessness on the part of that person and even if measures to prevent mishaps have been adopted.

After careful consideration of APEPDCL's request, and in the light of the Lokayukta's opinion, the Commission came to the view that there is a need to provide compensation for fatal/non-fatal electrical accidents involving non-departmental individuals or animals, even when there is no wrongful act, omission, rashness, neglect or default on the part of the licensee and irrespective of place of electrical accident.

Accordingly, a draft amendment to the Principal Regulation along with a Public Notice was published on the Commission's website on 27.11.2023 inviting the stakeholders and interested parties to send their comments/suggestions/objections, if any, to the Commission within 15 days from the date of public notice. In response, APEPDCL and APSPDCL submitted their views on the draft amendment. APEPDCL requested the Commission to consider a modification to the Draft amendment as follows:

"Provided that even in cases where there is no wrongful act, omission, rashness, neglect or default on the part of the licensee, and where the electrical accidents occur on Discom network before the point of supply issued (metering point), the ex-gratia payment shall be made in the manner specified under Chapter-III of the Principal Regulation."

Whereas, APSPDCL submitted as follows:

"The place of accident is important to take responsibility to pay ex-gratia. Electrical accidents that occur due to consumer side faults such as non-standard wiring, non-standard equipment like starters, fans, plug points, switchboard wiring and neutral faults etc., and the same are not due to any fault of the licensee. Hence, the requirement for payment of compensation for electrical accidents not occurring in the network of the licensee is not justified. Further, the proposed amendment imposes a financial burden on the licensee. Hence, the licensee requests the Hon'ble APERC to consider the above views while finalizing the amendment to Regulation No. 2 of 2017"

The Commission considered the views of APEPDCL and APSPDCL. The Doctrine of Strict Liability imposes liability on a person undertaking an activity involving hazardous or risky exposure to human life to compensate for the injury suffered by any other person, irrespective of any negligence or carelessness on the part of that person and even if measures to prevent mishaps have been adopted. The reason pleaded by the SPDCL regarding internal wiring faults, etc. is not sustainable, for under the CEA(Measures relating to safety and electric supply) Regulations 2023, it is the obligation

and responsibility of the Licensee to ensure standards of internal wiring and gadgets and their certification before release of supply. The relevant clauses of the said Regulation under Chapter III are extracted hereunder:

33. Testing of consumer's installation. –

(1) Upon receipt of an application for a new or additional supply of electricity and before commencement of supply or recommencement of supply after the supply has been disconnected for a period of six months, the supplier shall either test the installation himself or accept the test results submitted by the consumer when same has been duly signed by the licenced electrical contractor: Provided that in case of voltage level equal to or below the notified voltage, Chartered Electrical Safety Engineer can also test the installation on request of owner.

(2) The testing and verifications shall be carried out as per relevant standards.

(3) The testing equipment shall be calibrated by a Government authorised or National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories accredited laboratory at periodical intervals as per the periodicity specified by them.

(4) The supplier shall maintain a record of test results obtained at each supply point to a consumer, as per the forms provided in Schedule III.

(5) If as a result of such inspection and test, the supplier is satisfied that the installation is likely to be dangerous, he shall serve on the applicant a notice in writing requiring him to make such modifications as are necessary to render the installation safe and may refuse to connect or reconnect the supply until the required modifications have been completed.

35. Precautions against leakage before connection. –

(1) The supplier shall not connect its works with the apparatus in the premises of any applicant seeking supply unless the supplier is satisfied that at the time of making the connection cause a leakage from that installation or apparatus of a magnitude detrimental to safety which shall be checked by measuring the installation's or apparatus' insulation resistance as stipulated in the relevant standards

(2) If the supplier declines to make a connection under the provisions of sub regulation (1) the supplier shall convey to the applicant the reasons thereof, in writing for so declining.

36. Leakage on consumer's premises. –

(1) If the Electrical Inspector or the supplier has reasons to believe that there is leakage in the system of a consumer which is likely to affect injuriously the use of electricity by the consumer or by other persons, or which is likely to cause danger, he may give notice to the consumer in writing to inspect and test the consumer's installation.

(2) If after such notice, the consumer fails to provide access to its installation for inspection and testing, or an insulation resistance of the consumer's installation is so low as to prevent safe use of electricity, the supplier may, and if directed so by the Electrical Inspector shall discontinue the supply of electricity to the installation but only after giving to the consumer forty eight hours notice in writing for disconnection of supply and shall not recommence the supply until he or the Electrical Inspector is satisfied that the cause of the leakage has been removed.

It is therefore the duty and obligation of the Licensees to ensure that the internal network of the prospective consumers is as per the prescribed standards and shall not release supply if it does not meet the standards. Given the spirit of the law and the nature of payment viz, ex gratia and not compensation which means that payment as a gratis on compassionate grounds which is payable as a no-fault liability, place of occurrence is immaterial. Moreover, this proposed amendment will not cause any loss to the DISCOMs as the entire expenditure incurred by them will be allowed as a pass-through. Conversely, if the amendment is not carried out, several poor families will continue to suffer having lost their dear ones in electrical accidents, most of whom might be the sole bread earners of the family.

Accordingly, the Commission, in exercise of the powers conferred on it under section 181(2) (za) and (zb) read with Sections 57 and 59 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (Central Act 36 of 2003) and all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulation to amend the Principal Regulation:

1. Short title, extent and commencement:

- (i) This Regulation may be called the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Compensation to Victims of Electrical Accidents Regulation, 2017) First Amendment Regulation, 2023
- (ii) This Regulation shall come into force with effect from the date of its publication in the Andhra Pradesh Gazette.
- (iii) This Regulation shall extend to the whole State of Andhra Pradesh.

2. ***The following proviso shall be substituted in place of the first proviso under clause 5(2) of the Principal Regulation.***

“Provided that even in cases where there is no wrongful act, omission, rashness, neglect or default on the part of the licensee, and irrespective of the place of the electrical accident, the ex gratia payment shall be made in the manner specified under Chapter-III of the Principal Regulation.”

(BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION)

Place: Hyderabad
Date: 27-12-2023

P. MURALI KRISHNA,
Commission Secretary (I/c).

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COMPLAINT NO:2395/2021/B1(AP Lokayukta's Intervention Spurs Amendment for Compassionate Appointments):-

The Andhra Pradesh Lokayukta recently played a pivotal role in influencing a crucial amendment to the state's compassionate appointment guidelines. The amendment, brought about in response to the Lokayukta's intervention, now allows for broader eligibility criteria, ensuring a fair and just approach in the granting of compassionate appointments.

The case in question revolved around the grievance filed by Somala Kanthamma, the mother of late Greyhounds Constable Sri S. Mahesh. Seeking compassionate appointment for her elder son, Sri S. Appala Raju, the family encountered hurdles due to existing guidelines that limited consideration to the "younger" siblings of the deceased government servant.

Upon receiving the complaint, the Lokayukta initiated a thorough investigation. Subsequently, the Director General of Police, Andhra Pradesh, submitted a report indicating that a proposal had been sent to the government, seeking compassionate appointment for Sri S. Appala Raju, pending approval.

Taking swift action, the Lokayukta, through orders dated 14.07.2022, directed the Principal Secretary to Government, Home (Legal.II) Department, AP, to expedite the matter. The subsequent report highlighted that the General Administration (AR) Department had requested the Standing Committee of Officers to consider the case.

Recognizing the need for a broader reform, the Lokayukta's pressure led to the government amending the guidelines outlined in G.O.Ms.No.612, G.A(Ser.A) Department, dated 30.10.1991. The amendment, issued through G.O.Ms.No.18, G.A(Ser.A) Department, dated 06.02.2023, notably omitted the restrictive term "Younger." With the amended guidelines now in place, the government can consider the eligibility of siblings, regardless of birth order, for compassionate appointments, provided they meet other necessary criteria.

In a final report dated 24.11.2023, the Collector & District Magistrate, Visakhapatnam, confirmed the successful resolution of the grievance and as a result, Sri S. Appala Raju (elder brother of the deceased employee) was appointed as a Typist in the Roads & Buildings Department under compassionate grounds.

COMPLAINT NO:625/2016/B1(AP Lokayukta's Intervention Ensures Justice for Public Health Worker):-

The Andhra Pradesh Lokayukta successfully intervened to redress the long standing grievance of Smt. S. Sulochana, a Public Health Worker at Gooty Municipality. The intervention spanned over eight years, during which Sulochana endured the frustration of not receiving her rightful salary.

Sulochana was appointed as a Public Health Worker on compassionate grounds in 2012, following her husband's untimely demise. However, despite her dedicated service, she faced a prolonged struggle as authorities failed to release her salary, citing issues related to cadre strength and jurisdiction changes.

The Lokayukta's office meticulously documented the series of bureaucratic hurdles Sulochana encountered, highlighting the lack of empathy and sincerity in addressing her grievance. The intervention began with orders dated 16.03.2021, directing immediate action to resolve the issue rather than waiting for reports from subordinate officers.

Multiple reports were sought from various government entities, including the Municipal Administration and Urban Development Department, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Department, and the District Panchayat Officer. The Lokayukta's persistent efforts resulted in a detailed report from the District Panchayat Officer, stating the necessity to pay Sulochana's arrear salaries and recommending her appointment as a sweeper with retrospective effect.

After careful examination, the Principal Secretary to the Government, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Department, issued orders on 26.09.2022,

granting permission for Sulochana's appointment as a sweeper with retrospective effect, enabling the payment of her pending salaries.

The final report submitted by the District Panchayat Officer outlined the issuance of appointment orders, preparation of salary bills, and the impending adjustment of the amount, totalling Rs.28,81,020/-. Additionally, it cleared the disbursement of retirement benefits of Sulochana's deceased husband, Mutyalu.

Acknowledging the swift action taken by the government in response to its directives, the Lokayukta expressed satisfaction in redressing Sulochana's grievance. The closure of the case marked a triumph for justice, with Sulochana finally receiving her due compensation and the institution commending the government's prompt response.

[COMPLAINT NO:02/2021/B1\(AP Lokayukta Resolves Decades-Long Grievance, Ensures Widow Receives Service Pension\):-](#)

The Andhra Pradesh Lokayukta successfully intervened to address a grievance that had lingered unresolved for several decades. Smt. B. Krishna Veni, widow of Late B. Seshagiri Rao, a former Assistant Engineer in the Roads and Building Department, had been grappling with the non-sanction of family pension since the demise of her husband on February 6, 1962.

The grievance, which spanned over six decades, was finally brought to light when Smt. B. Krishna Veni approached the Andhra Pradesh Lokayukta with her long-standing concern. After a thorough investigation, it was discovered that the delay in the sanctioning of pensionary benefits was primarily due to the unavailability of the service register of the deceased employee.

Taking swift and decisive action, the Andhra Pradesh Lokayukta, under orders dated 11.10.2022, directed the Engineer-in-Chief (R&B), Administration, AP, Vijayawada, to prioritize the reconstruction of the service register, considering the urgency of the matter, and advanced age (80 years) & health condition of the complainant.

In response to these directives, the Engineer-in-Chief, R&B Department, AP, submitted reports in January and June of 2023, detailing the reconstruction of the service register. Subsequently, the Principal Accountant General, A&E, Vijayawada, authorized the pensionary benefits and issued a Pension Payment Order (PPO).

Further actions were taken by the Andhra Pradesh Lokayukta, directing the complainant to approach the District Treasury Officer (DTO), Kakinada, for the payment of family pension, including arrears. The DTO, Kakinada, was instructed to expedite the redressal of the grievance within a month.

In response to these directives, a report from the District Treasury and Accounts Officer, Kakinada, revealed that monthly family pension of Rs.15,000/- along with arrears of Rs.15,70,529/- has now been released to the complainant Smt. B. Krishna Veni.

With the resolution of this grievance that persisted since 1962, the Andhra Pradesh Lokayukta has once again demonstrated its commitment to ensuring justice and redressing longstanding issues in the public interest.

[COMPLAINT NO:1624& 1625/2021/B1\(AP Lokayukta's Swift Action Resolves GPF Fraud Grievance\):-](#)

Smt. G. Jaya Bharathi, an Assistant Executive Engineer, and Sri D.V. Rama Sanjanna, a retired Deputy Executive Engineer filed complaints regarding the misappropriation of their GPF amounts, totalling Rs. 10.00 lakhs and Rs. 17,14,952/- respectively. The fraudulent withdrawal led to these amounts being wrongly credited to fake bank accounts not associated with the complainants.

The Lokayukta swiftly initiated an investigation into the matter, unearthing a network of malpractices within the HLC (LOC) Division, Ananthapuram. The findings implicated a Junior Assistant, A. Pravesh Kumar, in creating duplicate beneficiary IDs and submitting bills without proper verification. The Lokayukta also observed lapses in the processing of GPF bills, pointing out a lack of due diligence and supervision at multiple levels within the government department.

In response to the Lokayukta's directives, the Special Chief Secretary to the Government of Andhra Pradesh, Water Resources Department, AP submitted report stating that:-

- The Special Chief Secretary to Government of AP, Water Resource (Vig-III.1) Department directed the Engineer-in-Chief (AW), Water Resource Department, Vijayawada to take immediate action to settle GPF final payment of the complainants and take immediate action to credit the amounts into the respective correct bank accounts of the complainants, in the first instance, without waiting for outcome of the enquiry or due procedures of recovery from the concerned.
- The Engineer-in-Chief (AW), Water Resource Department, Vijayawada, is also requested to furnish draft articles of charge on all the erring officials with regard to misappropriation of Government funds in the O/o. HLC (LOC) Division, Ananthapuram, to Government, for initiation of disciplinary action against them as per the procedure laid down in A.P Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991 and also to take action at his end for recovery of the misappropriated amount from the concerned.
- A criminal case is also registered in Crime No. 78/2021 of Ananthapuram III Town Police Station under Sections 420, 406, 409 IPC read with 34 IPC against the Executive Engineer HLC Division, (Drawing and Disbursing Officer) and subordinate officers. During the course of investigation of the case, the Police arrested A. Pravesh Kumar, Junior Assistant and sent him to Judicial custody.

In pursuance of the orders of this Institution, Common report dt.19.06.2023 has been received from the Special Chief Secretary to Government, Finance Department, A.P. stating that part payment withdrawal of the GPF amount of Rs.10.00 lakhs was paid to Smt. G.Jaya Bharathi, AEE (complainant in C.No.1624/2021/B1) and final payment of Rs.17,14,952/- has been paid to Sri D.V.Rama Sanjanna, complainant in C.No.1625/2021/B1.

The Lokayukta's involvement led to a comprehensive examination of the case, with recommendations for disciplinary actions against the implicated officials. The Lokayukta further directed the Finance Department to initiate appropriate actions against the officials of the Comprehensive Financial Management System (CFMS) Portal, where duplicate beneficiary IDs were created. The Authorities disbursed the GPF amounts to the complainants.

ACADEMIC ISSUES OF STUDENTS

COMPLAINT NO:1864& 2115/2022/B1(AP Lokayukta's Timely Intervention Resolves Grievances of Ph.D. Scholars at Rayalaseema University):-

G. Jagadeesha, a Research Scholar (PP.PHY EDU.0023), and Satyavan Harmalkar, a fellow Research Scholar, had submitted their thesis but faced a significant setback as the University Authorities failed to conduct the crucial Viva Voce test, hindering the timely completion of their Ph.D. courses.

In response to the notices issued by this Institution, the Registrar of Rayalaseema University submitted a report dated 21.06.2023 stating that G.Jagadeesha had submitted his Ph.D. on 21.05.2019, and the Viva Voce examination was conducted on 09.06.2023, following the receipt of evaluation reports. Similarly, Satyavan Harmalkar underwent the Viva Voce examination on 17.06.2023. The successful completion of the examinations addressed the concerns raised by the complainants.

Expressing their gratitude, both G. Jagadeesha and Satyavan Harmalkar submitted separate letters by e-mail, thanking the AP Lokayukta for its timely intervention. They acknowledged the positive response from the University Authorities, attributing it to the Lokayukta's involvement. The scholars praised the Lokayukta for its promptness and efficiency in resolving their concerns, which instilled confidence in the system.

ACTION TAKEN AGAINST UNAUTHORIZED CONSTRUCTIONS

COMPLAINT NO:910/2021/B1, 572/2022/B1,2176/2021/B1, 95/2022/B1 (AP Lokayukta's Resolute Stand Against Unauthorized Constructions):-

The Andhra Pradesh Lokayukta has been instrumental in addressing concerns related to unauthorized constructions, reflecting its commitment to upholding the rule of law and ensuring the well-being of citizens. A consolidated overview of notable actions taken by the Lokayukta in response to specific complaints, as part of its vigilant efforts to combat unauthorized constructions in the State:-

Complaint No. 910/2021/B1:-

Unauthorized Construction: Two 4-storied buildings

Action Taken:

- Notices issued under Sections 452(1), 461(1) of APMC Act.
- Partial removal of deviations by GVMC Authorities.

Complaint No. 572/2022/B1:-

Unauthorized Construction: 3rd Floor

Action Taken:

- Demolition carried out by APCRDA on 29.06.2022.

Complaint No. 2176/2021/B1:-

Unauthorized Layout: Taken up by M/s. Sravanthi Constructions

Action Taken:

- Demolition of unauthorized residential buildings and compound wall by APCRDA.
- Conversion of agricultural land to non-agricultural land and issuance of building permit.

Complaint No. 95/2022/B1:-

Unauthorized Construction: Stilt + G+3 Floors + 4th Floor (Pent house) RCC building

Action Taken:

- Provisional and confirmation orders issued for unauthorized constructions.
- Pending charge sheet filed before IV Additional Junior Civil Judge Court.
- Demolition of unauthorized construction carried out on 29.12.2022.

These cases showcase a stringent approach, including legal proceedings, demolition of unauthorized structures, and collaboration with relevant authorities to rectify deviations.

DIRECTIONS ISSUED TO CURB THE UNAUTHORIZED LAYOUTS

COMPLAINT NO:2097/2023/B1 & Batch:-

The complaints are based on news items published in various news items, wherein it is mentioned that the authorities of APCRDA identified unauthorized layouts in the Villages of Krishna, NTR Districts and taken temporary action of destroying roads formed in the unauthorized layouts and the Commissioner, APCRDA, stated and cautioned that appropriate action will be taken against the vendors of plots in such unauthorized layouts. The complainant requested this Institution, to issue suitable instructions to the Commissioner, APCRDA, to take criminal action under the provisions of APCRDA Act 11 of 2014 against the owners of unauthorized layouts /unauthorized developments / for use of land otherwise than in conformity of sanctioned plan.

It was reported in the news that inspite of the action against unauthorized real estate layouts in APCRDA area, the owners have been indulging in the activities of unauthorized development of agricultural land into house plots in contravention of the

provisions of APCRDA Act and doing real estate business and the same is a criminal offence under the provisions of APCRDA Act.

In the circumstances, the following directions are issued to the Commissioner, APCRDA, Vijayawada:-

1. To constitute a team of officers to identify the unauthorized real estate layouts / developments and take appropriate action for removal of unauthorized real estate layouts.
2. Apart from destroying the unauthorized layouts i.e., removing the internal survey stones, internal roads etc., initiate criminal action against the owners of unauthorized layout developers, as per provisions contained in the CRDA Act.
3. Widely create awareness among the public about the consequences of purchase of plots in the unauthorized layouts, as no construction will be allowed in such unauthorized plots.
4. Create awareness among the building developers / real estate people that selling plots without obtaining permission from the APCRDA was a crime and they have to face criminal prosecution.
5. Issue suitable instructions to all the District Registrars/ Sub Registrars of CRDA locality strictly insist for permission from APCRDA and also approved layout copies, for registration of small extent of land,

and to take all other suitable measures to curtail such unauthorized layouts and ensure the development of the areas without any violations, strictly according to the legal and regulatory standards.

REMOVAL OF ENCROACHMENTS INTO WATER BODIES AND GOVERNMENT LANDS

[COMPLAINT NOS:236/2020/B1, 144/2022/B1, 1065/2019/B1, 1095/2016/B1, 168/2018/B1, 5454/2013/B1, 714/2022/B1, 881/2021/B1, 1150/2020/B1, 3439/2017/B1, 2481/2022/B2, 861/2022/B2, 2468/2022/B2, 651/2023/B2 \(AP Lokayukta's Efforts in Clearing Encroachments\):-](#)

In recent years, the Andhra Pradesh Lokayukta has demonstrated commendable efficiency in addressing complaints related to land encroachments. Here are highlights of key cases where the Lokayukta took decisive steps to rectify the issues:-

C.No.3439/2017/B1 - Ananthapuram District:

The complainant belongs to Scheduled Caste Community and the Government assigned an extent of Ac.4.12 of land in Sy.No.34-3 of Thummacherla Village in the name of Harijana Mutyalappa, who is the father of the complainant during the year 1987 and the Authorities have also granted pattadar passbook in the name of the father of the complainant. Subsequently, the father of the complainant died on 30.09.2017. The neighbouring land owners K. Ganesh and others occupied the land of the complainant illegally, and the complainant requested this Institution, to enquire into the matter and do justice to him.

Action taken by the Tahsildar:-

The original assignee died leaving behind him, his three sons namely 1) Harijana Sreeramulu (complainant), 2) M. Suresh, 3) M. Srinivasulu. **The alleged encroacher K. Ganesh, whose name is being shown as enjoyer in column No.13 of the webland adangal, has been evicted and the land in question has been given possession to the legal heirs of the original assignee Harijana Mutyalappa.**

At present the land in question is under the possession and enjoyment of the legal heirs of the original assignee. The land in question has been handed over to the legal heirs of the original assignee (present complainant is also one of the legal heir of the original assignee). Accordingly, a statement has been recorded from the complainant in which he has stated that, the land in Sy.No.34-2, extent of Ac.4.12 of Thumucherla Village has been handed over as per the orders of this Institution.

The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, AP issued proceedings and framed Articles of charges against the then Tahsildar P. Nagabhushana,

presently working as Tahsildar, Atmakur, Ananthapur District, as he committed irregularities in carrying out changes in web land records in respect of Sy.No.34-3 Ac.4.12 of land. It is finally submitted that the disciplinary action being initiated, Articles of charges framed by the CCLA, AP and the same are sent for service on the public servant and further action will be taken under procedure.

The Lokayukta's intervention led to a thorough investigation and rectifying the irregularities by the then Tahsildar. Subsequent actions included initiating disciplinary proceedings against the official and restoring possession to the legal heirs.

C.No.651/2023/B2 - Ananthapuram District:

H. Chand Basha raised concerns about unauthorized layouts in Lakshampalli village. The Lokayukta swiftly acted by directing officials to remove unauthorized formations. The District Panchayat Officer's report confirmed successful removals, demonstrating the Lokayukta's proactive approach.

C.No.2468/2022/B2 - Visakhapatnam District:

The complaint filed by Sri K. Krishna exposed unauthorized encroachments on Konda Poramboke land. The Lokayukta's involvement prompted the Collector to investigate and take corrective measures. Encroachments were removed, and strict vigilance measures were implemented to prevent further illegal constructions.

C.No.861/2022/B2 - Chittoor District:

Sri T. Srinivasulu Naidu's complaint highlighted the obstruction of a pathway due to a disputed land issue. The Lokayukta's intervention led to the removal of the fence obstructing the pathway, resolving the complainant's grievance.

C.No.2481/2022/B2 - Prakasam District:

Poleboyina Srinivasulu raised concerns about encroachments obstructing agricultural land access. The Tahsildar's survey and subsequent actions, guided by the Lokayukta's directives, resulted in the removal of encroachments, ensuring unimpeded access for agriculturists.

C.No.5454/2013/B1 - Kurnool District:

A persistent issue of encroachment in Ahobilam Village, flagged by Sri T. Arun Kumar, has seen substantial progress. The Tahsildar initiated eviction procedures for 121 encroachments, with further actions pending the outcome of Writ Petitions before the High Court.

C.No: 236/2020/B1 - Ulasavagu Canal Encroachment in Kovuru Village, SPSR Nellore District

Sri Degapudi Bhavya Kanth Reddy filed a complaint about encroachments into the Ulasavagu Canal in Kovuru Village, impacting irrigation water flow. The Collector, SPSR Nellore District, reported that the encroachments were identified, notices were issued, and the encroachments were removed on 16.06.2022. Despite the complainant not filing objections, the complaint was closed as the grievance was redressed.

C.No.144/2022/B1 - Land Encroachment in Sibyala Village, Annamayya District

Sri Venkata Surendra complained about encroachments in an area classified as "Rashta" in Sibyala Village. The Collector, Annamayya District, reported that encroachments were removed, and the complainant expressed gratitude. The complaint was closed as the grievance was completely redressed.

C.No:1065/2019/B1 - Shop Room Encroachment in Visakhapatnam

Sri Bodhireddy Srinivas Reddy reported the construction of shop rooms obstructing public movement in Visakhapatnam. The Zonal Commissioner, GVMC, Visakhapatnam, confirmed the removal of unauthorized constructions. The complainant objected, stating an obstruction wall remained. The complaint

was closed, and the complainant was advised to address further concerns through legal channels.

C.No:168/2018/B1 - Vizianagaram District

The complaint raised concerns about the illegal issuance of 'D' Form pattas to individuals in Vizianagaram District. Following a detailed investigation, it was revealed that Sriramulu Naidu, Piniseti Surya Narayana, and Narasimhulu Naidu had obtained pattas through connivance with local authorities. The Tahsildar, Poosapatirega, reported corrective actions, including eviction of encroachments and the initiation of legal proceedings. The subsequent report confirmed corrective measures and the removal of encroachments.

C.No:714/2022/B1–Anakapalli District

The complaint addressed encroachments on valuable government lands in Charakam and Vugginapalem Villages, Kasimkota Mandal, Anakapalli District. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration reported that notices were issued to encroachers, leading to resumption orders. Legal actions were initiated, resulting in Writ Petitions filed by encroachers. The High Court directed the Tahsildar to decide on the applicability of Land Encroachment Act. Notices were issued under Section 7 of AP Land Encroachment Act, and resumption orders under Section 6 were passed. The encroachers were subsequently evicted.

C.No:881/2021/B1–SPSR Nellore District

This complaint addressed encroachments into land classified as Cheruvu Poramboke in Palicherlapadu Village. The Collector, SPSR Nellore District, reported corrective actions, including eviction of encroachments and handing over the land to the Irrigation Department.

C.No:1150/2020/B1–SPSR Nellore District

This complaint involved encroachments into Public Rastha Poramboke in Vavveru Revenue Village. An initial report by the Collector was contested by the complainant, leading to a joint inspection. The subsequent report confirmed encroachments, and disciplinary action was recommended against the then Tahsildar, Buchireddypalem. The Collector's final report outlined the removal of encroachments, fixing of boundaries, and a request to the Nagara Panchayat for road development.

C.No:1095/2016/B1–Guntur District

This complaint addressed encroachments in tank poramboke lands across various villages in Guntur District. The District Collector's report detailed successful eviction processes and subsequent handovers to the Irrigation Department. The institution emphasized joint responsibility of Rural Development & Panchayat Raj and Minor Irrigation Departments in preserving tanks. Recommendations were made to release funds promptly for protection and restoration efforts.

**COMPLAINTS IN WHICH ERRING PUBLIC AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN
PUNISHED AFTER DUE ENQUIRY**

The Andhra Pradesh Lokayukta continues to play a pivotal role in addressing corruption and irregularities within the government system. Several recent cases demonstrate the Lokayukta's effectiveness in ensuring accountability and initiating disciplinary actions against public servants involved in fraudulent activities. Here are summaries of some notable cases where the Lokayukta's intervention led to tangible outcomes:-

[Complaint No.1598/2017/B1 \(Irregular Land Allotment in YSR Kadapa District\):-](#)

The complainant alleged irregularities in land allotment to the individuals in connivance with the Tahsildar and staff.

The Lokayukta's intervention led to a thorough investigation, resulting in recommendations for disciplinary action against officials and cancellation of illegal land assignments.

The District Collector submitted a detailed action report stating that the Government have initiated disciplinary action in G.O.Ms.No.647, Revenue (Vigilance.III) Department dated 26.09.2022 and article of charges framed against Sri K.V.Siva Ramaiah, Retired Tahsildar for his irregularities.

Complaint No.1420/2020/B1 (Forgery of Revenue Records in Guntur District):-

The complainant raised concerns about the inaction of the Collector in addressing forgery charges in respect of revenue records against the then Tahsildar and other officials.

The Principal Secretary to Government, Revenue (Vigilance.III) Department, AP, reported that The disciplinary Proceedings have been initiated against the following erring officials and the Government after following due process have taken a provisional decision to impose the penalties against the following charged officers and after obtaining the concurrence of the APPSC, disciplinary proceedings have been concluded against the following officials by imposing the respective penalties indicated against them:-

S. NO	NAME OF THE CHARGED OFFICER	PUNISHMENT IMPOSED	ORDERS ISSUED G.O
1.	Sri D. Yesu Babu, the then Tahsildar(Retd), Prathipadu Mandal, Guntur District	Withholding (15)% monthly pension for a period of (10)years.	G.O.Rt.No.512, Revenue (vig.III) Dept, Dt:07.07.2022
2.	Sri V. Chalamaiah, the then MRI, Prathipadu Mandal	Withholding of four(4) annual grade increments with cumulative effects	G.O.Rt.No.458, Revenue (vig.III) Dept, Dt:24.06.2022
3.	Smt. N. Gayathri, formerly VRO, Nadimpale Village of Prathipadu Mandal.	With holding of four(4) annual grade increments with cumulative effects	G.O.Rt.No.459, Revenue (vig.III) Dept, Dt:24.06.2022

Complaint Nos.990/2018, 282/2019, 497/2018, 695/2018/B1 (Corruption Allegations Against BC Welfare Officer in Srikakulam):-

Multiple complaints were filed against Smt. K.Sridevi, the then District BC Welfare Officer, Srikakulam.

The Lokayukta's intervention led to a comprehensive investigation, resulting in a penalty of "withholding of two annual grade increments with cumulative effect" against Smt. K.Sridevi.

COMPLAINT NO:82/2010/B2 (Disciplinary Action against the Erring Officials and Recoveries in Godavari Flood Banks Scam):-

The complaint, filed by retired Executive Engineer Sri Y. Apparao, alleged misappropriation of Rs.150 Crores during the execution of flood protection works in 1986.

The Vigilance and Enforcement Department conducted a detailed enquiry, recommending the recovery of Rs.20,28,600/- from consultants for earthwork estimates and Rs.5,97,711/- from consultants of structures estimates. The subsequent disciplinary action involved the issuance of charge memos against officials, including Sri B.V. Nageswara Rao, T.O., Sri N.V. Satyanaraya Raju, JTO, and Sri G. Suresh Kumar, AEE.

Upon unsatisfactory defence statements, the Chief Technical Examiner recommended a departmental enquiry, leading to the imposition of penalties. N.V. Satyanarayana Raju, Junior Technical Officer, faced withholding of one annual grade increment, while G. Suresh Kumar, AEE, and B. Nageswar Rao, TO (retired), faced penalties of 2 % withholding of pension permanently and for a period of 2 years, respectively.

An amount of Rs.7,42,642/- was recovered from the contractors' bills.

COMPLAINT NO:832/2018/B1 (Land Distribution Irregularities in YSR Kadapa District):-

The Complainant alleged that the lands were assigned to Smt. P.Suryamani, Chandrasekhar, Burgula Padmavathi, P.Mahalakshmi, who are residents of Jammalamadugu by accepting bribe and also issued pattadar passbooks to them illegally.

This Institution under orders dated 16.12.2020 accepted the request of the complainant and closed the complaint, in respect of the contents relating to the complainant and informed the same to the Tahsildar, Mylavaram that there is no need to keep the online entry in disputed list on the ground of pendency of complaint before this Institution and he can go ahead as per rules in force. This complaint is treated as suo-motu and the District Collector, YSR Kadapa District is directed to submit his further action taken report against the officials responsible for issue of pattadar passbooks and entering Sy.Nos. in web land portal irregularly.

In response to the Lokayukta's directives led to a comprehensive departmental inquiry against K. Venkata Sainath Reddy, the then Tahsildar.

The Disciplinary action resulted in a "CENSURE" against the charged officer.

COMPLAINT NO:447/2021/B1 (Forgery of Will and Illegal Registration in West Godavari District):-

The complainant accused J. Sujatha, Senior Assistant, of registering a partition deed based on an unregistered forged will.

The Lokayukta's intervention resulted in a disciplinary action against J.Sujatha, with major punishment of stoppage of two annual grade increments.

COMPLAINT NO:911/2021/B1 (Illegal Pattadar Passbooks Issued in Sri Satya Sai District):-

Villagers from Kothacheruvu Mandal, Sri Satya Sai District, filed a complaint, alleging that Revenue Officials issued Pattadar Passbooks illegally for Government lands.

The Lokayukta's directives led to a thorough investigation by the Revenue Divisional Officer, Kadiri, revealing major irregularities in mutations for Government and assigned lands.

A criminal case was registered against the then Tahsildar, K. Ramachandrappa, for his involvement in irregularities.

The lands were resumed to the Government, and efforts were made to rectify irregular mutations, with disciplinary proceedings initiated against responsible public servants. The police also filed a charge sheet against the Tahsildar.

[COMPLAINT NO:614/2023/B1 \(Forgery of Pattadar Passbook in Krishna District\):-](#)

Social worker Sri Jampana Srinivasa Goud filed a complaint alleging that D.Gopala Krishna, former VRO, Yakamuru Village, Thotlavallur Mandal forged the signatures of the then Revenue Divisional Officer, Vijayawada and the then Tahsildar, Thotlavallur and thereby issued fake pattadar passbook and title deed to Koduru Nagamani for an extent of Ac.3.70 of land in R.S.Nos.125/3, 18/7 and 29/7 of Yakamuru Village, Thotlavallur Mandal.

The Lokayukta's intervention prompted a disciplinary case against the accused official. B. Gopala Krishna was awarded a major punishment of withholding One Increment of pay with cumulative effect.

The District Collector, Krishna District, is directed to submit further action taken reports regarding rectification of entries in revenue records and the resumption of the fraudulently acquired land.

[COMPLAINT NO: 76/2012/B1 \(AP Lokayukta's Vigilance Leads to Penalties Against Corrupt Officials\):-](#)

The complaint alleged that Krupavaram, Junior Assistant, O/o. Endowments Department, AP demanded a bribe of Rs. 60,000 for facilitating the sanction of a payment of Rs. 3,66,300/- in connection with the conduct of Utsavams and maintenance expenses for *Sri Eswari Devi Mattam, Brahmmanngari Mattam Mandal*, YSR Kadapa District, during the year 2010. The Lokayukta, after thorough investigation, found merit in the complaint and recommended appropriate action under Section 12(1) of the AP Lokayukta Act.

In pursuance of the said orders, the Commissioner of Endowments—cum—Secretary to Government & Ex-Officio Member, TTD, Revenue (ENDOWMENTS) Department A.P submitted his report dated 06.07.2023 wherein it is mentioned that as reported by the Hon'ble Lokayukta the bribery charge against Sri B.Krupavaram, Senior Assistant (Retired) is held proved. **After careful examination of the entire case and after following due procedure, Government have imposed a penalty of stoppage of entire pension and Gratuity against Sri B.Krupavaram, Senior Assistant, Office of the Commissioner, Endowments Department, A.P. Vijayawada under G.O.Ms.No.167 Revenue (Vig.VII) Department dated 03.04.2023.**

COMPLAINT NO:1472/2022/B1 (Fabricated Crop Records Scandal):-

The Lokayukta has suo-motu registered this complaint based on the adverse news item published in Eenadu Newspaper and initiated an inquiry into irregularities surrounding the e-crop particulars in the Rythu Bharosa Kendram (RBK), Thallampadu.

The investigation revealed that officials, led by Smt. S.Bharathi, Village Agriculture Assistant, falsely claimed FTOs amounting to Rs.41,26,192/- for paddy crops on lands not suitable for cultivation.

The enquiry further revealed that out of the total amount of Rs.41,26,192/- an amount of Rs.18,07,120/- only has been credited to the farmers and the remaining amount has not been credited to the bank accounts of the farmers.

The authorities issued Show cause notice to Smt.S.Bharathi, Village Agricultural Assistant, Thallampadu RBK and recommended to initiate disciplinary proceedings against Smt.S.N.Kanchana, Mandal Agricultural Officer, Doravarisatram, who is supervising authority for verification of records.

As per the report of the District Agricultural Officer, Tirupati, the total amount of Rs.18,07,120/- credited to the account of two (2) ineligible farmers have been recovered completely. As per the recommendations of the District Collector, Tirupati, Smt.S.N.Kanchana, MAO, Doravarisatram, Sullurupeta Division, Tirupati District was placed under suspension vide office proceedings No.VigI(2)92/2022 and after following the due procedure as per APCS(CC&A) Rules 1991, imposed the penalty of “Withholding of two increments without cumulative effect” on Smt.S.Bharathi, VAA, Thallampadu RBK on 20.09.2022.

COMPLAINT NO:2250/2021/B2(Teacher’s misuse of Welfare Schemes):-

The Lokayukta addressed a complaint lodged by Smt. M.Usha against Sri Ravada Krishna Rao, a teacher at MPPE School, Kaviti Village, Srikakulam District. Allegations included obtaining a white ration card in his wife's name and availing benefits under government welfare schemes. The Lokayukta's scrutiny resulted in penalties imposed on the teacher, including the recovery of Rs.55,105/- for wrongful benefits. Further, a departmental enquiry has been initiated against the Public Servant and the Public Servant was awarded with major punishment of “withholding one annual grade increment with cumulative effect” vide proceedings dated 10.08.2022 of District Educational Officer, Srikakulam.

COMPLAINT NO:1961/2016/B1 (Corruption in Land Records and Subsidy Schemes):-

In response to a complaint filed by Anekalla Vijayabhaskar Reddy and Soora Ankith Reddy, the Lokayukta uncovered irregularities in the preparation of input subsidy beneficiary lists by revenue officials in Racharla Mandal, Prakasam District and cancellation of irregular DKT Pattas.

In pursuance of the directions of this Institution, the District Collector, Prakasam District submitted that :-

Action taken by the Authorities for cancellation of DK Pattas issued to the ineligible persons.

The Joint Collector, Rythu Barosa and Revenue, Prakasam has taken up Suomotu revision, on the report submitted by the Divisional Forest Officer, Giddalur and the report of the Tahsildar, Racharla for cancellation of Pattadar Passbooks and title deeds issued in favour of Aadiraju Ramu and 97 others for the lands in Sy.Nos.1632, 1637, 1638, 1647 to 1738 which were divided from Sy.No.1632 of Akavedu Village admeasuring an extent of Ac.907.03 of land.

The Joint Collector has disposed of the Suo-motu revision under orders dated 15.07.2021 wherein it is observed that:-

- (a) The relevant entries in the ROR Form –I and 1-B Register for the lands in Sy.Nos.1632, 1637, 1638, 1647 to 1738 which were subdivided from Sy.No.1632 to an extent of Ac.907.03 of land are hereby ordered to be struck off and the Tahsildar, Racharla is directed to take necessary action for incorporation of changes in the ROR and Village records including adangals.
- (b) The Pattadar passbook and Title deeds issued for the lands in Sy.No. 1632, 1637, 1638, 1647 to 1738 which were subdivided from Sy.No.1632 for an extent of Ac.907.03 of land are cancelled with immediate effect.

With regard to the allegations against the Village Revenue Officers:-

Based on the enquiry report and after due procedure as per A.PC.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991, the Disciplinary Authority i.e., District Collector, Prakasam has issued orders to impose major punishment of “Withholding of two increments of pay with cumulative effect” against both the charged officers.

Further, this Institution directed the District Collector, Prakasam District, Ongole, to ascertain loss caused to the Government due to the irregularities committed by VROs i.e., (i) Bandi Venkateswarlu and (ii)Sivarathri Sivaiah, in preparation of input subsidy beneficiaries list by entering bogus names in revenue records and issue of fake pattadar passbooks and possession certificates and initiate recovery proceedings under due procedure after issue of due notice to the delinquent officers and after hearing them, in the light of the provisions of G.O.Ms.No.33 Finance (TFR.I) Department, dated 09.02.2006, and submit report.

COMPLAINT NO:1963/2017/B2(AP Lokayukta Commends Action against Corrupt Public Servants):-

The complaint, filed by Sri J. Venkateswarlu, exposed the misconduct of Public Servants KVRV Prasad Rao, the then Tahsildar of Dornala, and M. Daniel, VRO of Dornala Cluster Member. The allegations detailed how these officials made online entries and issued pattadar passbooks to unconnected individuals, affecting government lands in various survey numbers across Dornala Mandal.

The Collector and District Magistrate, Prakasam District conducted thorough investigations and submitted reports, confirming the irregularities committed by the public servants. Subsequently, orders were issued to rectify the defects in land records, and appropriate disciplinary proceedings were initiated against the accused officers.

The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, AP, played a pivotal role in ensuring accountability. Following the inquiry conducted by an appointed authority, the officials, KVRV Prasad Rao and M. Daniel, faced severe consequences. **The Chief Commissioner issued orders imposing the punishment of "Dismissal" from service against both individuals, highlighting the gravity of their actions.**

COMPLAINT NO:1588/2021/B2 (Action Against Revenue Record Tampering and Encroachments on Government Lands):-

The complainant, along with fellow agriculturists, brought to light the encroachment of "VankaPoramboke" land in Sy.Nos.54 and 57 of Amakathadu Village by individuals N. Ramanjaneyulu and N.Venkateswarlu. The encroachment not only obstructed the free flow of water through the Vanka stream, but also resulted in crop loss for the complainant and other farmers.

Action Taken: The District Collector & District Magistrate, Kurnool, and the Revenue Divisional Officer conducted thorough investigations. Their reports revealed irregularities in the classification of the land as private, leading to unauthorized pattadar passbooks being issued. Subsequently, the Tahsildar, Krishnagiri, was directed to delete the names of private individuals from the records and restore the land as "Hill Stream (Vagu)." **The Tahsildar took prompt action by removing the encroachments, unauthorized beds, and barriers obstructing the water flow from adjacent lands.**

Recognizing the prevalence of revenue record tampering across various districts, the Lokayukta has issued instructions to the Commissioner of Land Administration, AP. The directive emphasizes the need for prompt disciplinary action and criminal prosecution against officials involved in such activities. The aim is to deter unethical practices and protect valuable government lands, including water bodies and streams.

[COMPLAINT NO:1187/2021/B1\(Land Scam Unveiled: AP Lokayukta Takes Swift Action against Corrupt Officials\):-](#)

The complaint, filed by concerned villagers from Irlapadu, Iskapalli, and Rajulapadu, against the former Tahsildar M.V. Krishna Rao and Revenue Inspector N.V.V.S. Ravi Kumar for illegally acquiring and cultivating Government land.

The Lokayukta's investigation, carried out by Deputy Director (Investigation) and Director (Investigation), uncovered a complex web of corruption. It was revealed that the accused officials manipulated the land records, using fake documents and accepting illegal gratifications, leading to the illegal transfer of government lands into their names.

The scandal came to light when the Lokayukta received a complaint in 2021. The Lokayukta's investigation revealed that a criminal case had been registered under various sections, including IPC and the Information Technology Act, highlighting the seriousness of the offenses committed.

Recognizing the gravity of the situation, the Lokayukta issued specific directives to the District Collector, SPSR Nellore District. The Collector was instructed to cancel fake land documents, delete unauthorized entries in webland records, and reclaim the unlawfully acquired government lands. Additionally, the Lokayukta ordered a thorough departmental inquiry against the accused officials.

[COMPLAINT NO:889/2023/B2 \(AP Lokayukta Takes Action Against VIT-AP and SRM-AP Universities for Unpaid Property Tax\):-](#)

Sri A. Chandrasekhar, resident of Thakkellapadu Village, Pedakakani Mandal, Guntur District filed this complaint alleging that the Management of VIT –AP University, Inavolu Village and SRM-AP University, Neerukonda Village have been managing the concerned Government Officials and thereby not paying the respective building property tax to the concerned Panchayats.

In response to the notices issued by this Institution, the District Panchayat Officer, Guntur submitted his report dated 10.10.2023 stating that:-

With regard to VIT University:-

- VIT University management paid Rs.8,63,319/- towards property tax for the assessment year 2022-23 to the Gram Panchayat, Velagapudi.
- VIT University constructed buildings in Inavolu Gram Panchayat limits in an extent of Ac.51.00 of land and with a construction area of 141858.00 sq feet and for the said property, the management paid property tax of Rs.65,72,386/- for the assessment year 2022-23 to the Inavolu Gram Panchayat.
- The Management of VIT University constructed buildings in Sakhamuri Grama Panchayat limits in an extent of Ac.40.00 of land and with a construction area of 577750.16 sq.feet and for the said property, the management paid property

tax of Rs.34,36,999/- for the assessment year 2022-23 to the Sakhamuri Gram Panchayat.

With regard to the SRM University:-

- The University Management paid a sum of Rs.1,81,69,770/- towards property tax for the assessment years 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23.

This Institution further directed the Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Department, AP to issue suitable instructions to the District Panchayat Officer, Guntur to recover the pending property tax arrears, from the managements of VIT-AP and SRM-AP Universities, to the concerned Gram Panchayats and submit final action taken report.

COMPLAINT NO: 520/2016/B1(Caste Certificate Scandal Unearthed):-

The District Collector of Kurnool has taken decisive action against corruption and malpractice related to caste certificates. The case involves the cancellation of the caste certificate issued to Sri Dasari Linga Murthy, S/o Dasari Rama Lingappa, a resident of Chilakaladona Village in Mantralayam Mandal, Kurnool District.

The controversy arose when members of the Madiga Caste in Chilakaladona Village filed a complaint challenging Dasari Linga Murthy's claim to belong to the Mala Dasari (SC) Community. Subsequently, the District Level Scrutiny Committee (DLSC) conducted an inquiry, revealing that Dasari Linga Murthy did not indeed belong to the claimed community.

The DLSC's findings prompted the issuance of a notice to Dasari Linga Murthy under Section 5 of the AP (Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes) Regulation of Issue of Community Certificates Act, 1993. Despite receiving the notice through his mother, who attested to his employment in the Indian Army stationed in Jammu & Kashmir, Dasari Linga Murthy failed to submit any representation or objections to the DLSC's conclusions.

Based on the DLSC's recommendations and exercising the powers conferred under Section 5 of the aforementioned Act, the District Collector, Kurnool, cancelled the caste certificate of Dasari Linga Murthy. The official notification of this cancellation, published on March 17, 2022, via REV-CSECOVC(VER)/97/2017-SA(C6)-COLLKRNL, was also gazetted in the Kurnool District Gazette.

The cancellation not only highlights the importance of accurate community claims but also underscores the need for stringent measures against corrupt practices in issuing caste certificates. The District Collector's prompt action to rectify the situation sends a strong message against fraudulent claims and underscores the commitment to maintain the integrity of the certification process.

This Institution recommended that the District Collector, Kurnool, initiate suitable disciplinary action against the then Tahsildar of Mantralayam Mandal, Chandra Sekhar Varma, who is alleged to have adopted corrupt practices in issuing the false caste certificate.

[COMPLAINT NO:2813/2013/B1\(AP Lokayukta's Intervention Leads to Resolution of Land Grabbing Allegations and Restoration of Public Property\):-](#)

This complaint is filed by Sri Bheesetty A Babji, a Loksatta leader, against government officials and a local politician about the allegation of illegal acquisition and leasing of a valuable site measuring Ac.1.00 cents, belonging to the Visakhapatnam District Central Library. The complaint outlined that the local politician, with political influence, secured a lease for the said land in favour of M/s.Prathyusha Associated Shipping Private Limited, a company linked to the politician. A Lease-cum-Development Agreement was executed on 15.02.2010, with a stipulation that if the proposed project did not materialize within 36 months, the agreement could be terminated.

Key Allegations:

- The lessee company failed to construct the proposed building within the specified timeframe.

- Despite the expiration of the allowed period, Grandhalaya Officials did not take any action to cancel the lease.
- The politician, who had proposed the construction of the District Central Library, intended to retain the valuable site for personal gains.

Upon receiving the complaint, the Lokayukta issued notices to relevant authorities, including the Secretary to Government, Primary Education Department, and the Secretary, Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha, Visakhapatnam. The Director of Public Libraries, AP, submitted several reports in response, highlighting the actions taken to address the concerns.

In a crucial development, the Director of Public Libraries reported that the Principal Secretary to Government had requested the District Collector, Visakhapatnam, to instruct authorities, including the CRPF, to vacate the land for the construction of a new building for the District Central Library. This prompted the Lokayukta to direct the District Collector to submit an Action Taken Report.

The Secretary, Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha, Visakhapatnam, subsequently submitted a letter dated 26.07.2022, confirming the cancellation of the deed with the lessee company. The land was returned to the Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha by the CRPF, revenue authorities, and the Liaison Officer. The site is now under the control of Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha, and steps are being taken to construct a new building for the District Central Library.

The successful intervention by the Andhra Pradesh Lokayukta has not only addressed the specific complaint but has also ensured the restoration of public property for the intended purpose.

**PARTICULARS OF SOME OF THE COMPLAINTS, IN WHICH
GRIEVANCES WERE REDRESSED, WITH THE INTERVENTION OF THE
INSTITUTION OF LOKAYUKTA OF ANDHRA PRADESH:**

Complaint No.	Name of the complainant	District	Nature of Grievance Redressed
1034/2021/B1	Sri M.V.Veerabrahmam Chetty	YSR Kadapa	Due to the intervention of this Institution, the authorities approved the long pending Building Penalization Scheme (BPS) Application of the complainant.
1148/2022/B1	Smt. G. Satyavathi	West Godavari	The authorities paid an amount of Rs.5.00 Lakhs to the complainant towards ex-gratia amount consequent to the death of her husband due to electrocution.
475/2021/B1	Sri M. Gopinath	Chittoor	The authorities issued House site patta to the complainant, for which he is eligible.
700/2021/B1	Sri Charla Sreenivasulu	Chittoor	After filing of the complaint, the authorities removed the <i>Khata Numbers</i> in respect of the lands of the complainants from the dispute register and restored the same in online webland.
814/2022/B1	Dr. T. Vara Prasad	Kakinada	The authorities paid the pending GPF final payment bill to the complainant
2813/2013/B1	Sri Bheesetty A Babji	Visakhapatnam	The land was returned to the Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha by the CRPF, revenue authorities, and the Liaison Officer and steps are being taken to construct a new building for the District Central Library.
212/2020/B1	Sri Jampana Srinivasa Goud	Krishna	After filing of this complaint, the authorities issued the final layout plan and proceedings in respect of layout situated in Mantada Village.
1189/2020/B1	Smt. Udumu Gang Jayamma	Ananthapuram	The Authorities paid an amount of Rs.3,50,000/- towards ex-gratia, for the death of her husband due to hit by Thunderbolt.
84/2022/B1	Sri L. Rajiv Reddy	Ananthapuram	As per the amended rules, the

			authorities promoted the wife of the complainant as Senior Analyst.
1841/2021/B1	Sri Yelamanchili Kishore Babu	Krishna	The Registration Department has taken due care for delivery of services even to those citizens who do not voluntarily agree for Aadhar Authentication and to those, whose identification through biometric devices are failed.
906/2022/B1	Sri A.Srinivasa Rao	Nandyal	Due to the intervention of this Institution, the application of the complainant for late registration of death of his father is approved by O/o.RDO, Atmakur and consequently Brahmanakotkur Gram Panchayat made entry in the death records of Brahmanakotkur and Death Certificate of the father of the complainant was also issued to him.
2277/2021/B1	Sri H.N.L.V. Sai Prasad	Ananthapuram	The Authorities credited the deferred pension amount of the deceased father of the complainant to his bank account.
3231/2017/B1	Sri A.V. Srinivasa Rao	Vizianagaram	The Authorities paid the amount due to the complainant towards Provident fund and earned leave encashment.
1240/2022/B1	Sri Shaik Shali Basha	Nandyal	The authorities sanctioned oldage pension to the complainant.
810/2020/B1	Sri G.Ragava Naidu	SPSR Nellore	The beneficiary contribution amount paid by S.Penchala Laxmi was returned to her by the authorities and a house site patta was also allotted to her by the Government.
917/2016/B1	Smt. Kamamma	Kurnool	The authorities sanctioned admissible amount of Rs.14,490/- to the complainant towards medical reimbursement.
236/2020/B1	Sri Degapudi Bhavya Kanth Reddy	SPSR Nellore	Due to the intervention of this Institution the Officials have removed the encroachments into Ulasavagu Canal.
CMP No.3/2023 in C.No.2294/2021/B1	Sri K. Venkata Swamy	Kurnool	The Special Deputy Collector, SRBC paid the compensation amount to the complainant in respect of the land acquired by the

			authorities in R.Nagulavaram Village.
728/2021/B1	Smt. R. G.Parvathi	Kurnool	The Authorities credited an amount of Rs.12,000/- to the Bank Account of the complainant, in respect of amount deposited by the complainant in Agri Gold firm.
CMP No.16/2016 in C.No.1085/2011/B1	Smt. Vadepalli Rejeswaramma and 28 others	Visakhapatnam	In pursuance of the orders of this Institution, the Revenue Authorities have entered the names of the respective complainants in Webland and 1B register of K.B.Agraharam Village and they have also issued pattadar passbooks to them.
625/2016/B1	Smt. S. Sulochana	Ananthapuram	The Government has resolved the grievance of the Complainant, whose grievance has been pending from the year 2012 onwards. The authorities credited the arrears of salaries totalling an amount of Rs.28,81,020/- to the complainant and now she is receiving her regular salaries without any further delays.
30/2020/B1 & 22/2020/B1	Sri K. Gangadhar Rao, Sri Ravulapindi Durga Rao	Krishna	The salaries of the complainants have been regularly paid under Head of Account 010.
1052/2021/B1	Sri.Kanishetty Lakshmanarao	Krishna	The authorities paid an amount of Rs.3,69,720/- to the complainant towards food expenses, which was incurred by the complainant at the time of Air Force Recruitment Rally.
326/2023/B1	Sri L.Bharath Reddy and three others	Ananthapuram	On verification of records, the authorities paid the eligible claim amount of Rs.7,69,305/- to the complainants towards Crop Insurance claim pertaining to Kharif 2021.
675/2020/B1, 135/2021/B1, 1052/2022/B1, 1053/2022/B1, 1149/2022/B1, 1396/2022/B1, 535/2021/B1, 612/2021/B2,	All these complaints are filed by the respective legal heirs of the deceased, who lost their lives in electrical accidents.	Districts pertaining to the Territorial jurisdiction of APSPDCL and APCPDCL	After due persuasion of this Institution, the authorities paid ex-gratia amount of Rs.5.00 lakhs each to the respective legal heirs of the deceased, who lost their lives in electric accidents.

613/2021/B2, 633/2021/B2, 644/2021/B2, 1061/2022/B1,1552/20 18/B1, 600/2020/B1, 601/2020/B1, 1054/2020/B1, 2112/2022/B1, 1147/2022/B1,2138/20 22/B1, 2082/2022/B1 1051/2022/B1, 1056/2022/B1 & 1397/2022/B1			
2140/2022/B1	Sri Shaik Vali Basha	Kurnool	The Authorities paid the entire difference of arrears of salary amount due to the complainant.
1197/2022/B1	Smt. K. Kumari	East Godavari	The authorities paid the housing subsidy amount to the complainant.
261/2020/B1	Smt.Ramisetti Geetha	SPSR Nellore	The Mandal surveyor has measured and demarcated the boundaries of the house site of the complainant in Sy.No.28 of Kakupalli Bit-1 Village.
1055/2010/B1	Sri Mandagiri Venkatesh Yadav	Prakasam	In pursuance of the orders of this Institution, the authorities demolished the illegal structures made by the encroachers in an extent of Ac.0.21 in Sy.No.853-2 of Podili Village & Mandal, under due procedure.
322/2022/B1	Smt.G.Bhagya Lakshmi	Kurnool	The Government under G.O.Ms.No.115, Revenue(Land.VII) Department dated 16.03.2022 have issued orders for deletion of subject land of the complainant from the list of Prohibited Properties.
268/2022/B1	Smt. U.Subhashini	Visakhapatnam	Due to the intervention of this Institution, the revenue authorities surveyed the land of the complainant and fixed the boundaries.
491/2023/B1	Sri B. Varalakshamma	Nandyal	The authorities credited an amount of Rs.81,000/- to the bank account of the complainant towards the lease of her land in Velpanur Village for fodder cultivation under OPGK Scheme.

492/2023/B1	Sri B. Dharma Reddy	Nandyal	The authorities credited an amount of Rs.1,72,800/- to the bank account of the complainant towards the lease of his land in Velpanur Village for fodder cultivation under OPGK Scheme.
1506/2021/B1	Sri M.Srinivasulu	Visakhapatnam	In pursuance of the orders of this Institution, the AP Housing Board, Vijayawada paid a sum of Rs.16,62,235/- due to the complainant towards his GPF account.
1826/2022/B1	Sri M.Venkateswarlu	Kurnool	The Authorities paid an amount of Rs.3,12,360/- to the complainant towards the amount under UGC bill.
1321/2022/B1	Sri N.Srinivasarao	Palnadu	Due to the intervention of this Institution, the daughter of the complainant got admission in KGBV School, which was earlier rejected by the authorities due to the wrong entry of parents address by the Department Officials.
878/2022/B1	Sri Uppari Krishnudu	Kurnool	The name of the complainant has been mutated in online adnagal in respect of lands of the complainant in Ulchala Village.
536/2023/B1	Kola Durga Bhavani	Krishna	The authorities examined the request of the complainant and removed the name of the complainant from the individual house hold mapping, registered in Magallu Village and now the complainant is eligible for the benefits under various Government Welfare Schemes.
1006/2018/B1	Sri V.V.RamanaRao	Vizianagaram	Due to the intervention of this Institution, the long standing pending medical reimbursement bills of the complainant amounting to Rs.1,08,000/- were paid to the son of the complainant, as the complainant expired during the pendency of the complaint and the son of the complainant expressed his gratitude towards this Institution.
1604/2021/B1	Sri Yelamanchili	Krishna	The Rythu Bazar was shifted to its

	Kishore Babu		original place in Kankipadu Village for the convenience of the public.
1709/2022/B1	Sri K.Paripurna Chari	Hyderabad	The authorities credited an amount of Rs.90,000/- to the bank account of the complainant towards the pending salary.
719/2023/B1	Sri Bhumireddy Venkata Pratap Reddy	YSR Kadapa	The Authorities inspected the subject work of 'execution of CC Road from Mydukuru – Porumamilla main road to Onipenta Krishi Vignana Kendram' and recovered an amount of Rs.1,16,314/- from the work bills towards certain deficiencies.
02/2021/B1	Smt. B. Krishna Veni	Krishna	Due to the continuous persuasion of this Institution, the authorities reconstructed the service register of the husband of the complainant. The complainant was sanctioned family pension and received an amount of Rs.15,70,529/- towards pension arrears.
520/2023/B1	Sri Jampana Srinivasa Goud	Krishna	The authorities enabled the online portal for updating the DCB particulars for the Fasli-1432 in AP Seva Portal.
274/2022/B1	Sri panda Eswar Rao	Visakhapatnam	Due to the intervention of this Institution, the authorities verified the relevant records / documents and paid an amount of Rs.53,550/- to the complainant towards pending salary arrears.
28/2020/B1	Smt. L. Koteswaramma	Krishna	In pursuance of the orders of this Institution, the Nagara Panchayat Authorities sanctioned family pension and paid gratuity, enhancement of earned leave amount of the deceased Public Health Worker to his wife.
2270/2022/B1	Smt. Ganivada Achiyyamma	Vizianagaram	An amount of Rs.18,750/- remitted to the bank account of the complainant, towards financial assistance for the financial year 2020-21 under "YSR Cheyutha" Scheme.
823/2023/B1	Sri M. Hussain Peera	YSR Kadapa	Due to the intervention of this Institution, the Authorities acquired the land of the complainant, which

			became unfit for cultivation as the same situated in between Toe drain and Vagu in Paidipalem Village.
2605/2021/B2	S.Anusha	Visakhapatnam	<i>Y.S.R.Cheyutha</i> benefits have been sanctioned to the complainant.
642/2021/B2	Sri Y.Venkateswarlu	SPSR Nellore	The Tahsildar, Maripadu Mandal has issued Pattadar Pass Books & entered the name of the complainant in revenue records in respect of his land.
1011/2022/B2	Smt. D.Leelamalathi	Palnadu	The Tahsildar, Sathenapalli Mandal has issued Pattadar Pass Books and entered the name of the complainant in web land Adangal in respect of land of the complainant.
435/2020/B2	Sri S.Shanmugam,	Chittoor	The Assistant Director, Survey & Land Records surveyed the land of the complainant and fixed boundaries.
63/2020/B2	Smt. L.Kumari	East Godavari	The authorities removed the encroachments into the D-Form house site patta land of the complainant.
498/2022/B2 & 811/2022/B2	Sri K.Govinda Reddy	Kurnool	<i>YSR Raithu Barosa</i> amount has been credited to the bank account of the complainant.
1494/2020/B2	Sri C.Ramalingappa	Kurnool	The financial assistance of Rs.10,000/- was paid to the complainant under <i>Jagananna Chedodu Scheme</i> .
705/2021/B2	Sri Y.NagendraBabu	Krishna	The encroachments into Murugu Kaluva located in Dokiparru Village were removed.
2114/2021/B2	Sri P.Nagendra	Visakhapatnam	The unauthorized Car Servicing Centre at Purushotham Puram which causes inconvenience to the Public at large was removed by the GVMC authorities.
2410/2021/B2	Sri S.Amarnath Reddy and another	Annamayya	The path way dispute in respect of the land in Sy.No.666/A with an extent of Ac.0.33 cents which is classified as Road Poramboke in Kalikiri Mandal, Chittoor District has been solved.
208/2021/B2	Sri V.Ravi Kumar	Krishna	The complainant has received amounts under <i>Jagananna Chedodu Scheme</i> for the years 2022 & 2023.
2087/2021/B2	Smt. J.Narsamma	Prakasam	The name of the complainant was

			updated in web land adangal and E-Pattadar Pass Book was issued to her in respect of her land in Thimmaiah Palem Village.
1003/2021/B2	Smt. A.Santhi	Chittoor	Widow pension was sanctioned to the complainant.
1634/2022/B2	Ms. A.Jayalakshmi	Kurnool	The Executive Engineer Operation Division, APSPDCL has sanctioned electric power supply to the agricultural bore wells of the complainant.
1350/2021/B2	Sri Mahmad Ismail	East Godavari	The unauthorized encroachments into Government land have been evicted by the Commissioner Municipal Corporation, Rajamahendravaram.
692/2021/B2	Smt. Owk Shireesha	Kurnool	The Chief General Manager, O & M, APSPDCL, Tirupathi has paid an ex-gratia of Rs.5.00 lakhs into the account of the complainant due to death of her husband by name Owk Prabhakar who met with a fatal electric accident at agricultural field.
1402/2022/B2	Sri K.Mahmad Rafi	Kurnool	The Tahsildar, Kosigi has issued pass book and mutated the name of the complainant in online web land adangal in respect of his land.
879/2021/B2	Sri Mangali Mukanna	Kurnool	The Tahsildar, Nandhavaram entered the land of the complainant in web land adangal and issued E-Pattadar Passbook in respect of the land of the complainant.
1517/2018/B2	Smt. Katike Fakrur Bee	Kurnool	A house plot was allotted to the complainant by the authorities.
912/2022/B2	Sri M.Srinavasa Dora	East Godavari	The complainant has received his Pay & Allowances due to him for the duty period at Primary Health Center Machavaram.
140/2023/B2	Sri. N.Suryanarayana	Kakinada	The complainant received an amount of Rs.10,000/- towards his medical reimbursement.
176/2023/B2	Sri S.Chandra Sekhar	Vizianagam	Disabled Pension has been restored to the complainant from the month of Feb, 2023.
1106/2022/B2	Smt.P.Papamma	Chittoor	House site pattawas issued to the complainant under <i>Jagananna Gurha Nirmanam Scheme</i> .
2097/2022/B2	Smt.J.Sujana	Chittoor	The complainant received widow pension.

84/2021/B2	Smt. M.Sunitha	Kurnool	<i>Jagananna Ammavadi Scheme</i> amount has been sanctioned to the daughter of the complainant for the academic year 2020-21.
2481/2021/B2	Sri M.Madhava Reddy	SPSR Nellore	The Mandal Deputy Surveyor, Sangam Mandal has surveyed the land of the complainant and prepared the enjoyment sketch and fixed boundaries for the same.
1802/2018/B2	Sri M.Abbayi Reddy	East Godavari	50% share amount of Rs. 37,85,092/- was deposited by way of cheque to the individual accounts of 15 Vana Samrakshaka Samithi members towards sale of Bamboo.
2624/2021/B2	Sri M.Venkatesh	Kurnool	A sum of Rs.1,17,902/- was paid to the complainant towards pending bill of check dam work under MGNREGS.
630/2021/B2	Smt. S.Anantha Lakshmi	East Godavari	A brick kiln unit, causing inconvenience to the locality people was removed by the Authorities.
517/2017/B2	Sri N.Ramakrishna	Srikakulam	Pay fixation of the complainant has been done and PRC arrears amounts including increments were paid to the complainant.
1500/2018/B2	Smt. M.Lakshamma	Kurnool	The authorities mutated the name of the complainant in online webland and issued pattadar passbooks in respect of the land of the complainant.
1102/2022/B2	Smt. Gajula Ramalakshmi	Ananthapuramu	The authorities concerned have paid a sum of Rs.94,028/- towards check dam works completed by the complainant.
1172/2022/B2	Sri Ch.Srinivasa Rao	Krishna	A drainage problem was resolved by the Grama Panchayat of Manthada Village, Pamidimukkala Mandal.
970/2021/B2	Smt. M.Swapna	Chittoor	An alternative plot was allotted to the complainant in the same layout in Sy.No.216 of Alapakam Village under <i>Navarathnalu PedalandarikiIllu Scheme</i> .
1128/2022/B2	Sri Madire Jakeera	Kurnool	An application submitted by the complainant for change of her name for assessment No.1018001586 was verified and approved by the Yemmignur Municipality and changed her

			name.
1127/2022/B2	Sri K.Tharun	Kurnool	Amounts under Vidya Deevana Scheme were credited to the bank account of the complainant.
1489/2022/B2	Smt. R.Prameela	Chittoor	Anti Retroviral Therapy (ART) Pension was sanctioned to the complainant under YSR Arogyasri Scheme.
2035/2021/B2	Sri Gadi Subbarao	East Godavari	The land of the complainant which was kept in prohibited list is deleted.
1311/2021/B2	Sri E.Ratnamma	SPSR Nellore	Family Member Certificate was issued to the complainant.
826/2021/B2	Sri M.Jayaramaiah	SPSR Nellore	The land of the complainant which was kept in dispute register was released and after due survey pattadar passbook was issued in the name of the complainant.
533/2021/B2	Sri Buggala Prabhakara Rao another	West Godavari	The Revenue Officials have evicted the encroachers from the canal land.
1621/2018/B2	Smt. K.Bhagyavathi	Krishna	The Revenue Divisional Officer, Machilipatnam entered the name of the complainant in online webland and issued Pattadar Pass Books in respect of her land.
841/2018/B2	Sri K.S.N.Sastry	Visakhapatnam	Leave encashment salary was paid to the complainant.
2505/2021/B2	Ms. A.Annapurnamma	SPSR Nellore	Encroachments into the land of R&B were removed.
810/2022/B2	Sri Lakshmi Narayana Naik and another	Sri Satya Sai	The Tahsildar mutated the names of the complainants in online webland in respect of their respective lands.
1155/2021/B2	Sri M.Rajesh Kumar	Guntur	Family Member Certificate was issued.
373/2022/B2	Sri Bestha Nagabhusanam	Ananthapuramu	The Tahsildar mutated the name of the complainant in web land adangal in respect of his land.
2189/2022/B2	G.Savithramma	YSR Kadapa	The Tahsildar, Valluru mandal mutated the name of the complainant in online webland in respect of her land.
2185/2021/B2	Smt. Maradana Suramma	Vizianagaram	Widow pension was sanctioned to the complainant.
891/2023/B2	Smt. G.Chitemma	Kurnool	Insurance amount of Rs.30,000/- and 2,65,000/- were paid to the complainant consequent to the death of her husband in an accident.
918/2021/B2	Sri P.Subbarao	Guntur	The revenue officials mutated the

			name of the complainant and issued pattadar passbook to the complainant in respect of his land.
1839/2021/B2	Smt. B.Salomi	Prakasam	Pattadar passbook and title deed were issued to the complainant in respect of her land.
09/2022/B2	Sri G.Brahma Reddy	Guntur	The Tahsildar mutated the name of the complainant in online webland and issued pattadar pass books and title deeds to the complainant in respect of his land.
254/2023/B2	Sri K.Surya Sekhar Reddy	Ananthapuram	The complainant received crop insurance amount of Rs.90,000/-.
452/2023/B2	Sri Majji Haranatha Rao	Vizianagaram	Encroachments into Yerukavani Cheruvu were removed by the Tahsildar, Rajam.
1143/2022/B2	Sri T.Ravi Sankara Sarma	Telangana State	The District Registrar deleted the land of the complainant from prohibited list.
1885/2021/B2	Sri V.Balaram Naidu	Visakhapatnam	Gratuity amount was paid to the complainant.
714/2023/B2	Sri P.Mallikarjuna	Kurnool	Path way problem in respect of 236 silk weavers house sites is resolved.
38/2021/B2	Sri S.Venkateswarlu	Prakasam	Crop Insurance amount was paid to the complainant.
564/2018/B2	Sri Syed Abdul Shukur	Ananthapuram	The authorities mutated the land in the name of the complainant in webland adangal and issued Pattadar Passbook and Title Deed in respect of his land.
224/2023/B2	Smt. P.Suryakantham	West Godavari	The complainant received a sum Rs.65,835/- towards her medical reimbursement claim.
669/2022/B2	Sri K.Chinna Giddaiah	Kurnool	The name of the complainant has been mutated in webland adangal in respect of his land.
861/2022/B2	Sri T.Srinivasulu Naidu	Chittoor	Encroachments into pathway have been removed by the Panchayat Secretary, Kurichedu Grama Panchayat.
764/2022/B2	Sri Pandalaneni Sree Ramana Raj Kumar	Krishna	Encroachments into the Irrigation Department land are removed.
1311/2022/B2	J.Satyavathi @ V.Satyavathi	Alluru Seetha Rama Raju	Caste Certificate is issued to the complainant by the Tahsildar, Koyyuru Mandal.
1804/2023/B2	Smt. M.Padmavathamma	Chittoor	Family pension is sanctioned to the complainant, consequent to the death of her husband who worked as MPDO, Guidpala.

LOKAYUKTA IN NEWS MEDIA

Lokayukta, besides addressing the grievances of complainants, also acted Suo-motu responding to the news items where in grave and specific allegations appeared against the public servants or the governance.

Moreover, the institution took a proactive stance by publicizing its decisions to impose penalties on erring officials, not only to raise awareness among the public but also as a deterrent for officials engaging in similar misconduct in the future.

The most significant decisions regarding the applications which were of particular concern to the society were ensured to have widespread media coverage in order to contribute to the recognition of the Institution, its activities and decisions, and to get public support.

There have been several instances where the office of the Lokayukta has made headlines during the year under review. A few of them are listed here:-

Pay victims of all electrical accidents, AP discoms told

APERC Accepts Recommendation Of AP Lokayukta

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Hyderabad: In a huge relief to victims of electricity-related accidents, the APERC Electricity Regulatory Commission has accepted the recommendation of AP Lokayukta and directed the discoms to pay compensation to all the victims of such accidents regardless who is at fault and who caused the accident, etc.

AP Lokayukta Justice P Lakshman Reddy came across several such cases where the department was not at fault but electricity flowing in the vicinity caused the accident—either due to the fault of the victim himself or on account of an accident. He then applied the doctrine of strict liability that says that all those who are involved in dangerous activities must stand accountable to the consequences that flow from their activity.

Under this clause, the electricity department, discoms or the Transco will have to pay ex gratia to the victims or their families regardless of who caused the accident.

Ex gratia has to be paid

ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENTS MUST STAND ACCOUNTABLE: LOKAYUKTA

• AP Lokayukta Justice P Lakshman Reddy applied 'doctrine of strict liability'

• Said all those involved in dangerous activities must stand accountable

• Electricity department, discoms or Transco must pay to accident victims, he said

• Ex gratia has to be paid even if victim was at fault, Lokayukta said

• Lokayukta prevailed upon APERC to amend regulations to this effect



• APERC found demand was justifiable & amended compensation norms

• Current rates of compensation prescribe ₹5 lakh for loss of life & varied amounts for loss of limbs

even if the victim himself or herself was at fault, the Lokayukta prevailed upon APERC to amend its regulations to this effect. Justice CV Nagaraj Reddy, chairman of APERC, found that the demand was justifiable and amended the APERC Compensation to Victims of Electrical Accidents Regulation, 2017.

Accordingly, the following line was added to the principal regulation. "Provided that even in cases where there is no wrongful act, omission, rashness, neglect or default on the part of the licensee (discom) and irrespective of the place of the electrical accident, the

ex gratia should be made in the manner specified under chapter III of the principal regulation." The current rates of compensation prescribe ₹5 lakh for loss of life and varied amounts for loss of limbs.

If a person comes into contact with them accidentally he either loses his life or limbs. Hitherto to the electricity department and the discoms have been denying ex-gratia to the families of the deceased in such accidents or to the victims who suffered amputations by saying that they will compensate only when the accident is a result of the failure of the department or its staff.

విద్యుత్ సంస్థ తప్పలేకున్నా పరిహారం

• విద్యుత్ ప్రమాదాలపై 'ఏపీఈఆర్ఎస్' కీలక నిర్ణయం

సాక్షి, అమరావతి : విద్యుత్ ప్రమాదాలు జరిగినప్పుడు మనుషులు, జంతువుల ప్రాణాలు పోవడం, గాయపడటం వంటివి జరుగుతుంటాయి. అలాంటప్పుడు ఆ ప్రమాదానికి గల కారణాలపై విచారించి, విద్యుత్ సంస్థల తప్పిదం ఉన్నట్లు తేలితే.. బాధితులకు సంబంధిత సంస్థ నిబంధనల మేరకు నష్ట పరిహారాన్ని అందిస్తుంటుంది. అయితే ప్రమాదం జరిగినప్పుడు విద్యుత్ సంస్థకు అందుతో ఎలాంటి ప్రమేయంగానీ, తప్పుగానీ, నిర్లక్ష్యంగానీ లేకున్నా బాధితులకు నష్టపరిహారం చెల్లించాలని ఆంధ్రప్రదేశ్ విద్యుత్ నియంత్రణ మండలి అభిప్రాయపడింది. ఈ మేరకు ఆంధ్రప్రదేశ్ ఎలక్ట్రిసిటీ రెగ్యులేటరీ కమిషన్ ఫస్ట్ అమెండ్మెంట్ రెగ్యులేషన్స్, 2023 పేరుతో కాంపన్యేషన్ ఆఫ్ విక్టిమ్స్ ఆఫ్ ఎలక్ట్రికల్ యాక్సిడెంట్స్ రెగ్యులేషన్స్, 2017లో మార్పులకు సిద్ధమైంది. ఇటీవల లోకాయుక్త వ్యక్తిక రించిన అభిప్రాయంతో ఏకీభవిస్తున్నట్లు ఏపీఈఆర్ఎస్ తెలిపింది. ఈ డ్రాఫ్ట్ అమెండ్మెంట్ పై ఎవరైనా తమ అభ్యంతరాలుగానీ, సూచనలుగానీ చెప్పాలనుకుంటే కమిషన్ సెక్రటరీకి ఈ మెయిల్ ద్వారా ఈ నెల 11వ తేదీ లోగా వెళ్లించాల్సిందిగా కమిషన్ సూచించింది. అసంతరం ఈ కోర్కె నిబంధనలు అమల్లోకి వస్తాయని వెల్లడించింది.

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Lokayukta plays key role in doing justice to victims' kin

పరిహారం చెల్లింపునకు అంగీకారం

కర్నూలు(టిగల్), డిసెంబరు 6: విద్యుత్ ప్రమాదాల్లో విద్యుత్ పంపిణీ కార్పొరేషన్ నిర్లక్ష్యం లేకున్నా కూడా బాధితులందరికీ ఎక్స్ గ్రేషియా చెల్లించేందుకు విద్యుత్ పంపిణీ సంస్థలు అంగీకరించాయని రాష్ట్ర లోకాయుక్త ఒక ప్రకటనలో తెలియజేసింది. గతంలో విద్యుత్ ప్రమాదాలలో ఎవరైనా మృతి చెందినా, ఆస్తి నష్టం జరిగినా, విద్యుత్ శాఖ తమ నిర్లక్ష్యం ఉంటేనే బాధితులకు ఎక్స్ గ్రేషియా చెల్లించేది. అయితే ఈ రకమైన నిబంధనలు సామాన్య ప్రజల హక్కులను హరిస్తాయని, డిపార్టుమెంటు నిర్లక్ష్యం లేకున్నా కూడా బాధితులకు ఎక్స్ గ్రేషియా చెల్లించేందుకు పరిశీలించాలని 2017 సంవత్సరంలో రాష్ట్ర లోకాయుక్త విద్యుత్ పంపిణీ సంస్థలకు ఆదేశించింది. ఈ మేరకు విద్యుత్ పంపిణీ సంస్థలు గత నెలలో నిబంధనలను మార్పు చేసి సెక్షన్-5 (2) మేరకు డిపార్టుమెంటు నిర్లక్ష్యం, తప్పిదం, లోపాలు లేకున్నా కూడా బాధితులందరికీ ఎక్స్ గ్రేషియా చెల్లించేందుకు అంగీకరించాయని రాష్ట్ర లోకాయుక్త ఆ ప్రకటనలో తెలిపింది.

• దళారీలను నమ్మి మోసపోవద్దు:

విద్యుత్ ప్రమాద బాధితులు ఎక్స్ గ్రేషియా కోసం దళారులను నమ్మి మోసపోకుండా బాధితులు జిల్లా న్యాయ సేవాధికార సంస్థను కానీ, రాష్ట్ర లోకాయుక్తను కానీ ఆశ్రయించాలని రాష్ట్ర లోకాయుక్త జస్టిస్ లక్ష్మణ్ రెడ్డి ఒక ప్రకటనలో కోరారు. విద్యుత్ ప్రమాదాలలో ప్రాణనష్టం కానీ, పశునష్టం కానీ జరిగితే, బాధితులు వెంటనే ఆయా పోలీస్ స్టేషన్లలో ఫిర్యాదు చేసి ఎఫ్ఐఆర్ నమోదు చేయించాలని తెలిపారు. అప్పుడే బాధితులకు నష్టపరిహారం పొందడానికి వీలుంటుందని ఆయన ఆ ప్రకటనలో తెలిపారు.

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THE Lokayukta played a pivotal role in ensuring justice for the legal heirs of individuals, who lost their lives in electrical-related accidents. Despite initial reluctance from power distribution corporations (APSCDCL, APEPDCL, APCPDCL), the Lokayukta, through meticulous examination and application of legal principles, compelled the reconsideration of ex-gratia claims.

Andhra Pradesh Lokayukta Justice P Lakshmana Reddy said that Lokayukta's orders emphasised the applicability of the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission Compensation to Victims of Electrical Accidents Regulation, 2017, invoking the Doctrine of Strict Liability.



Andhra Pradesh Lokayukta Justice P Lakshmana Reddy

By citing relevant judicial precedents, Lokayukta established the obligation to provide ex-gratia payments, irrespective of departmental fault, negligence or carelessness.

In response to the Lokayukta's directives, the

APEPDCL Chairman and Managing Director facilitated payment of ex-gratia amounts to the affected legal heirs and advocated for an amendment to the APERC Regulation. The subsequent amendment, introduced in 2023, ex-

PLICITLY mandates ex-gratia payments even in the absence of wrongful acts by the licensee, ensuring compensation for fatal/non-fatal electrical accidents.

He said that Lokayukta's unwavering commitment to justice and adherence to legal principles led to a landmark achievement in resolving the grievances of the victims' families. The positive response from APERC, leading to the amendment of regulations, signifies a significant and lasting impact on ensuring compensation for victims of electrical accidents, thereby establishing a precedent for humanitarian considerations and adherence to the Doctrine of Strict Liability.

Justice P Lakshmana Reddy appreciated the action initiated by APERC in this regard.

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AP Lokayukta facilitates compassionate appointment

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AP Lokayukta Registrar T Venkateshwar Reddy has stated that the Lokayukta has successfully resolved a grievance pertaining to compassionate appointment. In a press release on Saturday, he stated that one Somala Kanthamma, resident of Sarabanna Palem village in Koyyuru mandal of Visakhapatnam, has sought appointment on compassionate grounds to her elder son S Appala Raju, after her younger son, police constable S Mahesh died while in service. He said Kanthamma has two sons, S Appala Raju (elder) and S Mahesh (younger). Mahesh (Unmarried) was working in the police department and he died while on duty. The mother of the deceased urged the Lokayukta to give job to her elder son Appala Raju under compassionate grounds. The Lokayukta has

Registrar T Venkateshwar Reddy informs that the elder brother of the deceased police constable gets job in R&B department on compassionate grounds

sent orders to the Director General of Police to consider the request of the complainant, the Registrar informed. After receiving response from the Director General of Police and subsequent orders dated 14.07.2022, the Lokayukta directed the Principal Secretary to Government, Home (Legal II) department to expedite the consideration of the compassionate appointment. In response, the Principal Secretary submitted a report on 23.11.2022, indicating that the General Administration (AR) department has requested the standing committee of officers to consider the matter. In fact, there is a clause in the GO that appointment under compassionate grounds

would be given to the unmarried younger brother or sister and not elder ones. Notably, the government amended the GOs, eliminating the requirement for the deceased government servant's sibling to be 'younger' brother/sister. The DGP was instructed to act accordingly. Following Lokayukta orders, Visakhapatnam district Collector and Magistrate submitted a report on November 24 this year, confirming that, after a thorough examination, S Appala Raju has been appointed as a typist in R&B department under compassionate grounds. A copy of the orders and Visakhapatnam Collector's report will be sent to the complainant, Somala Kanthamma.

'Elder sibling can get compassionate job'

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Hyderabad: The AP government has amended rules in respect of providing compassionate appointments to kin in place of their deceased siblings.

The state amended its general administration department GO 612 of October 30, 1991, that stipulated a condition that only younger siblings will be considered for compassionate appointments.

The state responded to a suggestion made by AP Lokayukta Justice P Lakshman Reddy, who said that when an unmarried emplo-

yeedies, it may not be fair to deny the compassionate appointment to an elder sibling. "There may be instances where the deceased is survived by only elder siblings," he said.

In such cases, it will not be fair to deny them employment merely because the language in the GO is stopping them, the judge said while dealing with the plea of an aggrieved woman, Somala Kanthamma, of Sarabannapalem village in Koyyuru mandal of Visakhapatnam. Her son Mahesh, a constable, died while working with Greyhounds. Following the suggestion, AP amended the GO and removed the word 'younger'. Another GO was brought in allowing elder siblings to avail the facility.



వార్త

కారుణ్య నియామకానికి అన్న, అక్క అర్హులే

జిజ్ఞాసు సవరించిన రాష్ట్ర ప్రభుత్వం కర్నూలు, డిసెంబరు 16, ప్రభాతపాఠ్యం
అవివాహిత ప్రభుత్వ ఉద్యోగి సర్వీసులో ఉన్న సమయంలో వనిపోతే మృతుని అన్న, తమ్ముడు మరియు అక్క, చెల్లెలు కారుణ్య నియామకం కింద ఉద్యోగం పొందేందుకు అర్హుని లోకాయుక్త జస్టిస్ పి.లక్ష్మణ్ రెడ్డి ఆశీర్వాదంపడినారు. మృతుడి తమ్ముడు లేదా చెల్లెలు మాత్రమే అర్హులంటూ గతంలో ప్రభుత్వం జారీచేసిన జీవో సహజ న్యాయ సూత్రాలకు విరుద్ధం అని స్పష్టం చేశారు. మృతుడి అన్నలేదా అక్కలేదా ఉద్యోగం పొందేందుకు అర్హులు అని లోకాయుక్త జైర్జు అభిప్రాయ వచ్చారు. నందరు ఆశీర్వాదం తో ఏకీకరించిన ప్రభుత్వం జీవో తమ్ముడు (యంగర్ బ్రదర్), చెల్లెలు (యంగర్ సిస్టర్) అనే పదాలను తొలగించి... ప్రభుత్వం తాజాగా జీవో మార్పులు చేసి, హోంకా సెవేదికను లోకాయుక్త సమర్పించినట్లు లోకాయుక్త రిజిస్ట్రార్ శ్రీకాంత్ మిడియాకు తెలియజేశారు. లోకాయుక్త ఆదేశాలతో ఓ బాధిత కారుణ్యుల కుటుంబానికి న్యాయం జరిగింది. వివరాలలోకి వెళ్తే... తన చిన్నకుమారుడు ఎన్. మహేష్ పోలీసు శాఖలోని గ్రేహౌండ్స్ విభాగంలో వనిచేస్తున్న సమయంలో వనిపోయాడని, కారుణ్య నియామకం క్రింద తన పెద్ద కుమారుడు ఎన్. అప్పలరాజుకు ఉద్యోగం ఇవ్వాలని కోరగా అధికారుల స్పందన లేదని, విశాఖపట్నం జిల్లా కోయ్యూరు ప్రాంతానికి చెందిన సోమల కాంతమ్మ 2021 నవంబరులో లోకాయుక్తలో ఫిర్యాదు దాఖలు చేసినది. అయితే జీవో 612 ప్రకారం అవివాహితలైన పెద్ద కుమారుడు వనిపోయినప్పుడు చిన్న కుమారుడు లేదా కుమార్తెకు ఉద్యోగం ఇవ్వాలి ఉంటుందని హోం కాఖ ఉన్నతాధికారులు లోకాయుక్తవారికి నివేదించారు. అయితే లోకాయుక్త... మానవతా ప్రకృతంలో పరిశీలించి సమస్యను పరిష్కరించాలని ఆదేశించారు.

'కారుణ్య'నికి అన్న, అక్క అర్హులే

కర్నూలు (లీగల్), డిసెంబరు 16. అవివాహిత ప్రభుత్వ ఉద్యోగి మృతి చెందితే, మృతుడి తమ్ముడు, చెల్లెలితో పాటు అన్న, అక్కకు కూడా కారుణ్య నియామకం కింద ఉద్యోగం ఇప్పేందుకు ప్రభుత్వం అంగీకరించింది. ఈ మేరకు జీవో 612లో కీలక సవరణలు చేసి, కొత్తగా జీవో 18 జారీ చేసింది. వివరాలివే. విశాఖ జిల్లా కోయ్యూరు మండలం శర బన్నపాలేనేకి చెందిన ఎన్.మహేష్ అనే వ్యక్తి గ్రేహౌండ్స్లో కారుణ్యులగా పని చేస్తూ 2022లో మృతి చెందారు. మృతుడు అవివాహిత కుమారుడే కాకుండా అక్క, అన్న, అమ్మలను ఉద్యోగం కోరుతూ తల్లి ఎన్. కాంతమ్మ ప్రభుత్వానికి దరఖాస్తు చేసుకుంది. అయితే నిబంధనల మేరకు తమ్ముడికి అర్హత ఉంటుందని, అన్న అర్హుడు కాదని ప్రభుత్వం తిరస్కరించింది. దీంతో మృతుడి తల్లి రాష్ట్ర లోకాయుక్తను ఆశ్రయించింది. కేసును విచారించిన రాష్ట్ర లోకాయుక్త జస్టిస్ పి.లక్ష్మణ్ రెడ్డి, కారుణ్య నియామకానికి మృతుని అన్న అర్హుడు కాదనే నిబంధన సహజ సూత్రాలతో వ్యతిరేకమని, పిల్లని అర్హులను పరిశీలించాలని గతంలో ప్రభుత్వాన్ని ఆదేశించింది. దీంతో ప్రభుత్వం జీవో 18ని జారీ చేసింది. దీనిని అనుసరించి మృతుడి అన్నకు కారుణ్య నియామకం కింద ప్రభుత్వ ఉద్యోగం ఇచ్చినట్లు విశాఖ కలెక్టర్ ద్వారా లోకాయుక్తకు తెలియజేసింది.

కారుణ్య నియామకాలకు అన్న, అక్క అర్హులే

లోకాయుక్త నిషాధుల మేరకు జీవో సంఖ్య 612లో సవరణలు చేయాలి (సెంట్రల్): అవివాహితలైన ప్రభుత్వ ఉద్యోగి మరణిస్తే పెళ్లికాని అతని అన్న... అక్క కూడా కారుణ్య నియామకాలకు అర్హులైనని లోకాయుక్త స్పష్టం చేసింది. గతంలో అవివాహితలైన ప్రభుత్వ ఉద్యోగి మరణిస్తే కేవలం పెళ్లికాని తమ్ముడు, చెల్లెలికి మాత్రమే కారుణ్య నియామకాలకు అర్హత ఉండేది. ఈ నిబంధన సహజ న్యాయసూత్రాలకు విరుద్ధం గా ఉందని లోకాయుక్త అభిప్రాయపడింది. విశాఖపట్నం జిల్లా కోయ్యూరు ప్రాంతానికి చెందిన సోమల కాంతమ్మ తన చిన్న కుమారుడు ఎన్.మహేష్ పోలీసు శాఖలో గ్రేహౌండ్స్ విభాగంలో వనిచేస్తూ వనిపోయాడని, కారుణ్య నియామకం కింద పెద్ద కుమారుడు ఎన్.అప్పలరాజుకు ఉద్యోగం ఇవ్వాలని అధికారులు కోరారు. అయితే జీవో సంఖ్య 612 ప్రకారం పెద్ద కుమారుడు లేదా పెద్ద కుమార్తెకు ఉద్యోగం ఇవ్వడం సాధ్యం కాదని, మరణించినవారి కన్నా చిన్నవారికి మాత్రమే ఉద్యోగాలు ఇచ్చేందుకు అవకాశం ఉందని అధికారులు తెలిపారు. దీంతో అమె 2021లో లోకాయుక్తను ఆశ్రయించారు. ఉద్యోగి అన్న, తమ్ముడు లేదా అక్క, చెల్లెలు ఎవరైనా కారుణ్య నియామకానికి అర్హులైన, అందుకు సంబంధించిన జీవో సంఖ్య 612ను సవరించాలని ప్రభుత్వానికి లోకాయుక్త నిషాధులు చేసింది. ఈ మేరకు రాష్ట్ర ప్రభుత్వం జీవో సంఖ్య 18 బర్ 612ను సవరణ చేసి జీవో సంఖ్య 18 జారీ చేసింది. ఈ జీవో ప్రకారం అవివాహితలైన ఉద్యోగి మరణిస్తే పెళ్లికాని అన్న, తమ్ముడు లేదా అక్క అర్హులైనా ఉద్యోగం ఇవ్వడానికి అర్హులైనా ఉద్యోగం లేదని లోకాయుక్తకు శనివారం ప్రభుత్వం నివేదించింది. సూతన జీవో ప్రకారం కాంతమ్మ పెద్ద కుమారుడు అప్పలరాజుకు విశాఖపట్నం జిల్లాలో జూనియర్ అసిస్టెంట్ గా ఉద్యోగం ఇచ్చినట్లు ఆ జిల్లా కలెక్టర్ లోకాయుక్తకు నివేదించారు. దీంతో పిల్లని అర్హులను ముగించినట్లు లోకాయుక్త జైర్జు జస్టిస్ పి.లక్ష్మణ్ రెడ్డి తెలిపారు.

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CCLA axes tahsildar and VRO for fudging records

Action After AP Lokayukta Intervention

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'10 CASES OF TAMPERING'

- KVRV Prasad Rao & M Daniel made illegal entries in scores of land parcels in Dornala mandal in district
- AP Lokayukta Justice P Lakshman Reddy directed state chief commissioner to look into issue
- Action taken after irrefutable evidence found against the duo
- Tahsildar & village revenue officer of Prakasham district dismissed
- 10 cases of revenue records that unduly helped private individuals

Hyderabad: Following the directive of AP Lokayukta Justice P Lakshman Reddy, the state's chief commissioner of land revenue (CCLA) looked into the issue of tampering of revenue records in Prakasham district and dismissed a tahsildar and a village revenue officer (VRO) after finding irrefutable evidence against them.

CCLA G Sai Prasad obtained reports from the RDO and collector, conducted detailed disciplinary proceedings after framing charges in 10 cases of tampering of revenue records that unduly helped private individuals, concluded that the duo were guilty and accordingly dismissed tahsildar KVRV Prasad Rao and VRO M Daniel for the illegal entries they made in respect of a scores of land parcels in Dornala mandal in Prakasham district.

Prakasham collector AS Dinesh Kumar informed this to the Lokayukta office and also said they had rectified the errors in the records and restored the original status of the land in line with the directions of the Lokayukta.

Justice Lakshman Reddy in his order appreciated the prompt action taken by the CCLA and Prakasham collector and reiterated his recent directive that it was not sufficient to rectify revenue records alone in such cases but the states should take stringent penal action against corrupt revenue officials.

In the current case, the judge also appreciated the doggedness of complainant J Venkateswarlu, a resident of Kadaparajupalli in the district, who never stopped fighting against the wrong actions of the revenue officials and brought the issue to the notice of judicial authorities.

"The Lokayukta office remains dedicated to promoting transparency, accountability and ethical conduct within the public administration, and encourages citizens to report any instances of corruption for appropriate action," said T Venkateswara Reddy, director (legal), AP Lokayukta office.

Lokayukta orders to suspend tahsildar & VRO for graft

The then Tahsildar of Dornala mandal KVRV Prasad Rao and the then VRO Dornala Cluster Member Daniel were accused of wrongful issue of pattadar passbooks

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Lokayukta Justice P Lakshman Reddy

ANDHRA Pradesh Lokayukta Justice P Lakshman Reddy has passed dismissal orders for two corrupt officials of revenue department. The District and Sessions Judge and Registrar, Lokayukta, in a press release on Thursday, has stated that J Venkateswarlu, resident of Kondaraju Pali village of Dornala mandal in Prakasham district, lodged a complaint in Lokayukta about the wrongful online entries and issuance of pattadar pass books to unconnected persons by KVRV Prasad Rao, the then Tahsildar of Dornala and presently working as Tahsildar of Mithla mandal and Daniel, the then VRO Dornala Cluster Member and presently VRO of Godavada village in Pamaru mandal.

The Registrar has stated KVRV Prasad Rao made online entries and issued pattadar passbooks to unconnected persons in respect of government lands in Inamukkala revenue village of Dornala mandal and also made wrongful land entries in favour of the unconnected persons in Yadavalli village of Dornala mandal without verifying the records and without following the due procedure and without issuing notice to the original pattadars and cancelling the pattas issued in their names, stated the Registrar. Further the complainant alleged that the Tahsildar had transferred government land records in favour of his relatives.

After going through the contents of the complaint, Lokayukta issued notices to the Prakasham district Collector to probe into the issue and submit the report. The Collector after a thorough investigation had submitted a final report on November 6, 2023 wherein the Tahsildar and VRO have changed the entire land record in respect of the subject survey numbers as per their whims and fancies.

The irregularities committed by the delinquent officers were rectified in revenue records and appropriate disciplinary proceedings have been initiated by CCLA and Special Chief Secretary to AP government and appointed Joint Collector of Prakasham district as Inquiry Authority and Forest Settlement Officer.

The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, AP had informed that as per the rule, a copy of the enquiry officer report was furnished to the charged officers, KVRV Prasad Rao and Daniel and they were directed to submit their further written explanations on the findings of the enquiry report.

Finally, the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, AP, had issued orders imposing punishment of 'Dismissal' from service against KVRV Prasad Rao and Daniel.

లోకాయుక్త ప్రశంసలు

కర్నూలు(లిగల్), నవంబరు 9: రాష్ట్ర లోకాయుక్త ఆదేశాలపై వెంటనే స్పందించి సత్యం వచ్చు తీసుకున్న ప్రకాశం జిల్లా కలెక్టర్, రాష్ట్ర భూమిపాలన శాఖ కమిషనర్లను రాష్ట్ర లోకాయుక్త జస్టిస్ లక్ష్మణరెడ్డి గురువారం ప్రశంసించారు. ప్రకాశం జిల్లా దోర్నాల మండలం ఇనుముళ్ల, ఎరవల్లి గ్రామాలలో పలు నేర్పే నెంబర్లలోని భూములపై ఎటువంటి ఆదారాలు లేకుండానే అప్పటి దోర్నాల తహసీల్దార్ కేపీఆర్బీ ప్రసాదరావు, వీఆర్వో ఎండేనియల్ తప్పడు ఆన్లైన్ ఎంట్రీలు సమూహం చేయించారని కడప రాజుపల్లి గ్రామానికి చెందిన ఏ వెంకటేశ్వర్లు గతంలో రాష్ట్ర లోకాయుక్తకు ఫిర్యాదు చేశారు. దీంతో స్పందించిన రాష్ట్ర లోకాయుక్త ఈ ఫిర్యాదుపై విచారించి తమ నివేదికను లోకాయుక్తలో డాబులు చేయాలని గతంలో ఆదేశించింది. దీంతో జిల్లా కలెక్టర్ ఈ ఫిర్యాదును విచారించి అప్పటి దోర్నాల తహసీల్దార్ కేపీఆర్బీ ప్రసాదరావు, వీఆర్వో ఎండేనియల్ మండలంలోని పలు భూములను అక్రమంగా తమ కుటుంబ సభ్యుల పేరిటే ఎటువంటి ఆదారాలు లేకుండానే ఆన్లైన్ ఎంట్రీలు సమూహం చేయించి పాస్ పుస్తకాలను జారీ చేశారని నిర్ధారించారు. దీంతో ఆ సమూహాలను సరిదిద్దే అక్రమాలకు పాలడైన వీరిద్దరిని ఉద్దేశించి నుంచి డిస్మిస్ చేస్తూ ఆదేశాలు జారీ చేసినట్లు ప్రకాశం జిల్లా కలెక్టర్, రాష్ట్ర భూమిపాలన శాఖ కమిషనర్లు రాష్ట్ర లోకాయుక్తకు తెలిపారు. దీంతో లోకాయుక్త ఆదేశాలను సత్పరంగా స్పందించినందుకు గాను ప్రకాశం జిల్లా కలెక్టర్, రాష్ట్ర భూమిపాలన శాఖ కమిషనర్లను రాష్ట్ర లోకాయుక్త ఆనందించింది.

విధుల నుంచి తహసీల్దార్, వీఆర్వో తొలగింపు

కర్నూలు విద్య, న్యూస్టుడే: ప్రభుత్వ అధికారులు నిబద్ధతగా పనిచేయాలని లోకాయుక్త రిజిస్ట్రార్ వెంకటేశ్వరరెడ్డి గురువారం పేర్కొన్నారు. ప్రకాశం జిల్లా దోర్నాల మండలం కడపరాజుపల్లి గ్రామంలో పట్టాదారు పాసుపుస్తకాల జారీ విషయంలో అక్రమాల చోటు చేసుకున్నట్లు గ్రామస్థులు లోకాయుక్తకు ఫిర్యాదు చేశారు. ఈ విషయంపై సమగ్ర నివేదిక అందజేయాలని జిల్లా కలెక్టర్కు లోకాయుక్త జస్టిస్ లక్ష్మణరెడ్డి ఆదేశాలు జారీ చేశారు. దోర్నాల తహసీల్దార్, వీఆర్వో అక్రమాలకు పాల్పడినట్లు ప్రకాశం జిల్లా కలెక్టర్ తన నివేదికను లోకాయుక్తకు అందజేశారు. పట్టాదారు పుస్తకాలు అసర్దులకు ఇచ్చినట్లు కలెక్టర్ ఆ నివేదికలో పేర్కొన్నారు. దీంతో తహసీల్దార్, వీఆర్వోలను విధుల నుంచి తొలగిస్తున్నట్లు ప్రభుత్వం ప్రకటించింది లోకాయుక్త రిజిస్ట్రార్ వెంకటేశ్వరరెడ్డి తెలిపారు.

తహసీల్దార్, వీఆర్వో డిస్మిస్

కర్నూలు(నింబర్): ప్రకాశం జిల్లా దోర్నాల మండలం ఇనుముళ్ల గ్రామ పరిధిలో భూ అక్రమాలకు పాల్పడిన అప్పటి తహసీల్దార్ కేపీఆర్బీ ప్రసాదరావు, వీఆర్వో ఎండేనియల్ మండలం కలెక్టర్ నుంచి తొలగించినట్లు నీవీఎల్వీ, ప్రకాశం జిల్లా కలెక్టర్ లోకాయుక్తకు నివేదికను సమర్పించారు. సమగ్ర విచారణ చేసి రెవెన్యూ రికార్డుల్లోని తప్పులను సరిదిద్దే సమర్పించిన నివేదికపై కలెక్టర్ జస్టిస్ పి.లక్ష్మణరెడ్డి సంతృప్తి వ్యక్తం చేసి కేసును ముగిస్తున్నట్లు ప్రకటించారు. వివరాలు ఇలా ఉన్నాయి.. 2018లో ప్రకాశం జిల్లా దోర్నాల మండలం ఇనుముళ్ల గ్రామ పరిధిలోని 777,779/2,8 11/1,889/5, 488/11, 649/1, 554-5వ, 572-5వ, 554-1వ, 554-1వ, 542,827-4, 587-3, 527 నన్నె నంబర్లలోని ప్రభుత్వ భూములను అప్పటి తహసీల్దార్ కేపీఆర్బీ ప్రసాదరావు, వీఆర్వో ఎండేనియల్ తమ బంధువులు, వారికుటుంబ సభ్యులు, మిత్రులు, డబ్బాలు ఇచ్చిన వారికి పట్టాలిచ్చారు. అలాగే నన్నె నంబర్లు 231, 228లోనూ.. రెవెన్యూ రికార్డుల్లో మార్పులు చేసి తమ అనుకూల వ్యవస్థలకు పట్టాలు ఇచ్చారు. ఈ రెండు మునుపటి పూర్వస్థాయి విచారణ జరపాలని కోరుతున్నట్లు ఆ విషయంపై లోకాయుక్తకు ఫిర్యాదు చేశారు. ఆ ఫిర్యాదుపై స్పందించిన లోకాయుక్త లోక్మే విచారణ జరపాలని నీవీఎల్వీ, ప్రకాశం జిల్లా కలెక్టర్కు ఆదేశాలు జారీ చేసింది. ఈ క్రమంలో ప్రకాశం జిల్లా జాయింట్ కలెక్టర్, పారెస్టు సెటిల్మెంట్ అఫీసర్లను విచారణారీకారులుగా నియమించారు. విచారణలో తహసీల్దార్, వీఆర్వో అక్రమాలకు పాల్పడినట్లు గుర్తించారు. ఈ క్రమంలో అప్పటి దోర్నాల, ప్రస్తుతం మిక్కిలమండల తహసీల్దార్ ఆయున కేపీఆర్బీ ప్రసాదరావు, అప్పటి దోర్నాల మండలం ఇనుముళ్ల, ప్రస్తుతం పామురు మండలం గోడవడ గ్రామ వీఆర్వో ఆయున ఎండేనియల్ మండలం కలెక్టర్ నుంచి తొలగిస్తూ తీసుకున్న నిర్ణయాన్ని నీవీఎల్వీ, ప్రకాశం జిల్లా కలెక్టర్ లోకాయుక్తకు గురువారం సమర్పించారు.

Penalise officials tampering with records: AP Lokayukta

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Hyderabad: Making it clear that mere rectification of records tampered by revenue officials won't suffice, AP Lokayukta Justice P Lakshmana Reddy directed the state chief commissioner of land revenue (CCLA) to take disciplinary action as well as initiate criminal prosecution against tahsildars and other officials. The judge gave this direc-



tive while hearing a plea by R Maheswara Reddy of Amakathadu village in Krishnagiri mandal of Kurnool district against encroachers who had occupied more than 57 acres of government land known as 'Vanka Poramboke' in his village and built a ridge, effectively blocking the flow of a stream. The blockade of the stream resulted in inundation of nearby fields and immense crop losses to farmers. The petitioner had lodged a complaint despite his father being one of the encroachers. He came to the Lokayukta court in Kurnool and urged

the judge to restore the land to the state as it served a public purpose. An investigation by the Lokayukta revealed that the local tahsildar was hand in glove with encroachers and had even tampered with web-land revenue records to include their names. Following a directive from the Lokayukta, revenue divisional officer of Pathikonda resumed the land from encroachers, rectified the revenue records and restored their status. The ridge was also demolished to allow free flow of water from the stream.

Lokayukta directive to CCLA

The Hindu Bureau VIJAYAWADA

Lokayukta Justice P. Lakshmana Reddy on Friday directed the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration (CCLA) to examine the delays in clearing agricultural land mutation applications across the State, streamline the process, and look into the progress of the auto-mutation system, while taking suo motu cognisance of a media report that highlighted the issue in Kurnool and Nandyal districts. He ordered that the CCLA, the Collectors of the two districts and the RDOs concerned to submit the action taken reports by December 19, 2023, saying that failure to do so would necessitate personal appearances before him to explain the reasons thereof.

రెవెన్యూ అధికారులపై రాష్ట్ర లోకాయుక్త ఆగ్రహం
సత్యరమే చర్యలకు ఆదేశాలు

కర్నూలు (టీగల్), నవంబరు 6: కొంత మంది రెవెన్యూ అధికారులు రికార్డులలో మార్పులు, చేర్పులు చేయడంపై రాష్ట్ర లోకాయుక్త సోమవారం ఆగ్రహం వ్యక్తం చేసింది. ఈ మేరకు తగిన చర్యలను తక్షణమే తీసుకోవాలని రాష్ట్ర భూపరిపాలన చీఫ్ కమిషనర్ కు రాష్ట్ర లోకాయుక్త జస్టిస్ లక్ష్మణరెడ్డి సోమవారం ఆదేశాలు జారీ చేశారు. కర్నూలు జిల్లా అమకతాడు గ్రామంలోని 54, 57 సర్వే నెంబర్లలోని ప్రభుత్వ పోరంబోకు భూమిలోని వాగులకు కొంతమంది ఆక్రమణదారులు అడ్డంకి కల్పించారు. దీంతో పక్క పొలాల్లోకి వాగునీరు ప్రవేశించి రైతులు తీవ్రంగా నష్టపోయారు. దీనిపై అదే గ్రామానికి చెందిన రైతు ఆర్.మహేశ్వరరెడ్డితో పాటు కొంతమంది రాష్ట్ర లోకాయుక్తను ఆశ్రయించారు. దీంతో రాష్ట్ర లోకాయుక్త ఆదేశాల మేరకు పత్తికొండ ఆర్డీవో ఈ పిర్యాలపై విచారించి ఆక్రమణలను తొలగించి వారి పేర్లను రెవెన్యూ రికార్డుల నుంచి తీసేయాలని లోకాయుక్తకు నివేదిక సమర్పించారు. అయితే రికార్డులలో ఆక్రమంగా నమోదు చేసుకున్న వారి పేర్లను తొలగిస్తే సరిపోదని, అందుకు బాధ్యులైన రెవెన్యూ అధికారులపై తక్షణమే చర్యలు తీసుకుని ప్రభుత్వ భూములను అన్యాయం చేసిన వారి కౌన్సిలర్ కు రాష్ట్ర లోకాయుక్త రెవెన్యూ అధికారులను ఆదేశించింది. కఠిన చర్యలు తీసుకుంటేనే భవిష్యత్తులో ప్రభుత్వ భూములను ఎవరూ స్వాధీనం చేసుకోరని రాష్ట్ర లోకాయుక్తపై ఆదేశాల్లో పేర్కొంది.

భూముల పరిరక్షణకు మార్గదర్శకాలు రూపొందించండి

లోకాయుక్త చైర్మన్ జస్టిస్ పి.లక్ష్మణరెడ్డి కర్నూలు (సెంట్రల్): ప్రభుత్వ భూములు, నీటి వనరులు, నీటి ప్రవాహ భూముల సంరక్షణకు స్పష్టమైన మార్గదర్శకాలను రూపొందించాలని చీఫ్ కమిషనర్ ఆఫ్ ల్యాండ్ అడ్మినిస్ట్రేటివ్ లోకాయుక్త చైర్మన్ జస్టిస్ పి.లక్ష్మణరెడ్డి ఆదేశాలు జారీ చేశారు. కర్నూలు జిల్లా కృష్ణగిరి మండలం అమకతాడు గ్రామ రెవెన్యూ సర్వే నంబర్ 54, 57లోని వంక పోరంబోకు భూములకు 2020లో అప్పటి తహసీల్దార్ రామచంద్రరావు అప్పురాజు ప్రైవేట్ వ్యక్తులకు పట్టాలు ఇచ్చారు. ఈ ఘటనపై తహసీల్దార్ ను సస్పెండ్ చేశారు. అయితే ఆ భూముల్లో పట్టాలు పొందిన రైతులు సాగు చేసుకుంటుండడంతో సమీపంలోని పొలాల్లోకి వంక మళ్ళీ పంటకు నష్టం చేసింది. ఈ క్రమంలో అమకతాడుకు చెందిన మహేశ్వరరెడ్డి లోకాయుక్తను ఆశ్రయించడంతో లోకాయుక్త పత్తికొండ ఆర్డీవోతో విచారణ చేయించింది. వంక పోరంబోకు భూముల్లో ప్రైవేట్ వ్యక్తులు పట్టాలు పొందినట్లు నిర్ధారించారు. ఈ క్రమంలో మరోనెల లోపు ప్రైవేట్ వ్యక్తుల పేర్లను తొలగించారో లేదో నివేదిక సమర్పించాలని కృష్ణగిరి తహసీల్దార్ ను లోకాయుక్త ఆదేశించింది.

లోకాయుక్త ఆదేశాలతో కదిలిన యంత్రాంగం

కర్నూలు(టి.గోల్), ఫిబ్రవరి 21: గుంటూరు జిల్లాలోని వివిధ ప్రాంతాల్లో ఆక్రమణకు గురైన చెరువులను పరిరక్షించాలని రాష్ట్ర లోకాయుక్త ఆదేశించడంతో ఆక్రమణ యంత్రాంగం కదిలింది. ఈ మేరకు ఆక్రమణలను తొలగించినట్లు గుంటూరు జిల్లా సీటి పారుదల శాఖ ఎన్ఈ తమకు నివేదిక సమర్పించినట్లు రాష్ట్ర లోకాయుక్త మంగళవారం ఒక ప్రకటనలో తెలియజేసింది. గుంటూరు జిల్లాలోని నిరికల్లు, నరసారావుపేట, నాదిండ్ల, యడ్లపాడు, గోరంట్ల మండలాల్లో అనేక చెరువులు, పొరంబోకు పొలాలను కొంత మంది వ్యక్తులు ఆక్రమించుకున్నారంటూ ప్రతిపాడు మండల పెద్దగొట్టిపాడు గ్రామానికి చెందిన పీకేశ్వరరావు అనే వ్యక్తి గతంలో రాష్ట్ర లోకాయుక్తకు ఫిర్యాదు చేశారు. దీంతో స్పందించిన లోకాయుక్త, ఆ ఆక్రమణలను

గుంటూరు జిల్లాలో చెరువుల ఆక్రమణలు తొలగింపు వెంటనే తొలగించి చెరువుల పరిరక్షణకు చర్యలు తీసుకోవాలని గతంలో సీటి పారుదల, మున్సిపల్, పంచాయతీరాజ్ తదితర శాఖల అధికారులను ఆదేశించింది. ఈ ఆదేశాలతో జిల్లా యంత్రాంగంలో కదలిక వచ్చింది. వివిధ మండలాల్లో ఉన్న చెరువుల ఆక్రమణలను తొలగించి, సంబంధిత సీటి పారుదల శాఖ అధికారులకు స్వాధీనం చేశామని ఎన్ఈ నివేదికలో తెలిపారు. పొలాల వద్ద ఇనుప కంచెలను, హెచ్చరిక బోర్డులను ఏర్పాటు చేశామని వెల్లడించారు. భవిష్యత్తులో చెరువులు ఆక్రమణకు గురికాకుండా ఉండేందుకు చర్యలు తీసుకుంటున్నట్లు లోకాయుక్తకు ఎన్ఈ తెలిపారు.

ఆక్రమణల నుంచి చెరువులకు విముక్తి

● లోకాయుక్తకు నివేదించిన గుంటూరు జిల్లా ఇరిగేషన్, పీఆర్ శాఖలు

కర్నూలు(సింఘ్రా): గుంటూరు జిల్లాలో కట్టాకు గురవుతున్న పలు చెరువుల భూములకు ఆక్రమణల నుంచి విముక్తి కలిగించామని ఆ జిల్లాకు చెందిన పంచాయతీరాజ్, మైనర్ ఇరిగేషన్ శాఖలు లోకాయుక్తకు నివేదిక సమర్పించాయి. ఆయా చెరువులను జాతీయ గ్రామీణ ఉపాధి హామీ పథకంలో పునరుద్ధరించి సమీపంలోని రైతుల పొలాలకు నీటిని విడుదల చేసేందుకు చర్యలు తీసుకుంటున్నామని, కొన్నింటిలో జలశక్తి అభియాన్ పథకం ద్వారా నీటి నిల్వలు పెంపొందించేందుకు చర్యలు చేపట్టామని చైర్మన్ జస్టిస్ పి.లక్ష్మణరెడ్డికి వివరించ

డంతో విచారణను ముగించారు. గుంటూరు జిల్లా ప్రతిపాడు మండలం పెద్దెట్టిపాడు గ్రామానికి చెందిన చచ్చల కోటేశ్వరరావు పలు చెరువుల భూములు, కార్వలు ఆక్రమణకు గురవుతున్నాయని 2018లో లోకాయుక్తను ఆశ్రయించాడు. దీంతో లోకాయుక్త విచారణ చేయాలని ఆపివేట్లో కలెక్టరును ఆదేశించారు. ఈ క్రమంలో లోకాయుక్త పలుమార్లు విచారణ జరిపి ఆక్రమణకు గురైన భూములను సంరక్షించాలని మైనర్ ఇరిగేషన్, పంచాయతీరాజ్ తో పాటు ఆయా చెరువులకు సంబంధించిన మునిసిపాలిటీ అధికారులకు ఆదేశాలు జారీ చేసింది. ఈ క్రమంలో చెరువుల్లో ఆక్రమణలను తొలగిస్తూ ఆయా శాఖల అధికారులు మంగళవారం లోకాయుక్తకు నివేదిక సమర్పించారు.

Fabricated Crop Records Scandal

క్షేత్ర స్థాయిలో పంటల పరిశీలన తరువాత ఈ ఫ్రాడ్

కర్నూలు(సింఘ్రా): రైతులు వేసిన పంటలను స్వయంగా పరిశీలించిన తరువాత ఈ ఫ్రాడ్ బుకింగ్ చేపట్టాలని లోకాయుక్త చైర్మన్ జస్టిస్ పి.లక్ష్మణరెడ్డి వ్యవసాయశాఖ ప్రత్యేక కమిషనర్ కు ఆదేశాలు జారీ చేశారు. తిరుపతి జిల్లా సూళ్లూరుపేట వ్యవసాయ డివిజన్ దేవనత్రం మండలం తక్లంపాడు రైతు భరోసా కేంద్రం పరిధిలో నకిలీ ఈక్రాప్ డిత్ కోందరు రైతులు వ్యవసాయానికి అనువుకాని పొరంబోకు భూముల్లో వరి వేసినట్లు చూపి ఈక్రాప్ బుకింగ్ చేయించారు. దీని ఆధారంగా రైస్ మిల్లులకు వరిని అమ్మినట్లు నకిలీ పత్రాలు పుట్టించి రూ.41.28 లక్షలను కాజేసే ప్రయత్నం చేశారు. ఈ క్రమంలో లోకాయుక్త మీడియాలో ప్రచురితమైన కథనాన్ని సుమోటోగా స్వీకరించి విచారణకు ఆదేశించింది. ఈ మేరకు తక్లంపాడు ఆర్బీకే విలేజ్ అగ్రెగేటర్ అసిస్టెంట్ భారతికి రెండు ఇంక్రిమెంట్లలో కోత విధించారు. దొరవారి నత్రం మండల వ్యవసాయాధికారి కాంచనను సస్పెండ్ చేయడంతో పాటు ఇద్దరు రైతుల నుంచి రూ.18,07,210 రికవరీ చేసినట్లు బుధవారం లోకాయుక్తకు నివేదిక సమర్పించారు. చైర్మన్ స్పందిస్తూ అక్రమాలకు పాల్పడిన రైతులపై ఏమి చర్యలు తీసుకున్నారో తెలిపాలని కోరుతూ విచారణను 2023 అక్టోబర్ 20వ తేదీకి వాయిదా వేశారు.

బాధ్యులపై క్రిమినల్ కేసులు నమోదు చేయండి

కర్నూలు విద్య, న్యూస్ టుడే : తిరుపతి జిల్లా సూళ్లూరుపేట వ్యవసాయ శాఖ సబ్ డివిజన్ పరిధిలో ఈ-క్రాప్ నమోదులో అక్రమాలు చేపట్టుకున్నట్లు 'నది. చెరువుల్లో సాగు' శీర్షికన 'ఈనాడు'లో కథనం ప్రచురితమైంది. దీనిపై లోకాయుక్త జస్టిస్ లక్ష్మణ రెడ్డి సుమోటోగా కేసు నమోదు చేసి విచారణ చేయించినట్లు రిజిస్ట్రార్ వెంకటేశ్వరరెడ్డి బుధవారం తెలిపారు. విచారణ చేసి నివేదిక ఇవ్వాలని జిల్లా వ్యవసాయ శాఖ అధికారికి సూచించారన్నారు. వరి పంట వేయకుండానే వేసినట్లు రూ.41,28,192 విలువ చేసే బిల్లులు సిద్ధం చేశారని. ఇందులో రూ.18,07,120లు అర్వత లేని రైతుల బ్యాంకు ఖాతాల్లో నగదు జమ చేసినట్లు గుర్తించామన్నారు. సుమోటో కేసు నమోదు చేసిన రెండు రోజుల్లో రూ.18,07,120 సొమ్ము రికవరీ చేయించామని తెలిపారు. అవినీతికి పాల్పడిన అధికారులను సస్పెండ్ చేయాలని కలెక్టరుకు సూచించినట్లు తెలిపారు. అసర్దులైన రైతులపై క్రిమినల్ కేసులు నమోదు చేయాలని ఆదేశాలు జారీ చేశామన్నారు. అక్టోబరు 20వ తేదీలోపు లోకాయుక్తకు నివేదిక ఇవ్వాలని ఆదేశించినట్లు చెప్పారు.

Widow, 80, wins pension battle after 6 decades

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Hyderabad: After a six-decade struggle, an octogenarian widow from Kanur in Vijayawada has finally got her family pension from the roads and buildings department of Andhra Pradesh where her deceased husband worked. A monthly pension of Rs 15,000 along with arrears of Rs 15.70 lakh has now been released to her following the intervention of the AP Lokayukta.

Eight-one-year-old B Krishnaveni's troubles began soon after her husband B Seshagiri Rao died while on duty on February 6, 1962. Seshagiri was an assistant engineer in the R&B department in Kakinada and had been in service for nine years, six months and 14 days. Over the years, every attempt for family pension hit a dead end.

In March 2022, Krishnaveni approached AP Lokayukta Justice P Lakshman Reddy as a last shot. The Lokayukta directed the R&B authorities to move with a sense of urgency in view of her advanced age.

But the department kept stonewalling. First they said she was ineligible as her

LOKAYUKTA INTERVENES

● Krishnaveni (81) wife of ex-assistant engineer in R&B department

● Husband Seshagiri served at Kakinada for 9 years & 6 months

● Died in 1962 while on duty, department did not grant her pension

● She has been running from pillar to post for 60 years

● Approached AP Lokayukta Justice P Lakshman Reddy in March 2022

husband did not have the required 10 years of service. When they were reminded of proportional method to calculate the pension. The matter was referred to the Kakinada sub-treasury which confirmed she had not availed the facility and was eligible for family pension. The Lokayukta then got her husband's service register reconstructed at Rajahmundry R&B office and got the pension and arrears released.

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భర్త మరణించిన 61 ఏళ్లకు పెన్షన్..!

- » జీవిత చరమాంకంలో ఫలించిన సుద్దీర్ఘ నిరీక్షణ
- » లోకాయుక్త అదేశాలతో ఎట్టకేలకు మంజూరు

కాకినాడ కైం/కర్నూలు(టీగల్), డిసెంబరు 18: ప్రభుత్వ ఉద్యోగం చేస్తూ భర్త మృతి చెందగా పెన్షన్ అందక ఇబ్బందిపడుతున్న మహిళ మొరను లోకాయుక్త అలకించింది. 61 సంవత్సరాల తర్వాత ఎట్టకేలకు ఆమెకు పెన్షన్ మంజూరైంది. విజయవాడకు చెందిన బి.శేషగిరిరావు అప్పటి ఉమ్మడి తూర్పుగోదావరి జిల్లా కాకినాడలో రోడ్డు భవనాల శాఖలో అసిస్టెంట్ ఇంజనీర్ గా పనిచేస్తూ 1962 ఫిబ్రవరి 6వ తేదీన ప్రమాదవశాత్తూ మరణించారు. ఆయన భార్య బి.కృష్ణవేణి పెన్షన్ మంజూరుకు అదే ఏడాది ప్రభుత్వానికి దరఖాస్తు చేసుకున్నారు. ఏళ్లు గడిచినా పెన్షన్ మంజూరు చేయకపోవడంతో జీవిత చరమాంకంలో ఉన్న ఆమె 2021లో రాష్ట్ర లోకాయుక్తను ఆశ్రయించారు. రాష్ట్ర లోకాయుక్త ఇచ్చిన నోటీసులను అందుకున్న ప్రభుత్వం శేషగిరిరావు సర్వీసు రికార్డులు లభించనందున తాము పెన్షన్ మంజూరు చేయలేదని తెలియజేసింది. దీంతో ఆగ్రహించిన రాష్ట్ర లోకాయుక్త జస్టిస్ లక్ష్మణ రెడ్డి వెంటనే సర్వీసు రికార్డులను తయారుచేసి వృద్ధురాలికి రావాల్సిన పెన్షన్ ను నెల రోజుల్లోపు చెల్లించాలని కాకినాడ ట్రిబ్యునల్ అధికారులను ఆదేశించారు. లోకాయుక్త అదేశాలతో ట్రిబ్యునల్ అధికారులు వృద్ధురాలికి రావాల్సిన పెన్షన్ బకాయి మొత్తం రూ.15.70 లక్షలను చెల్లించినట్లు లోకాయుక్త రిజిస్ట్రార్ బి.వెంకటేశ్వరరెడ్డి బుధవారం ఒక ప్రకటనలో తెలియజేశారు. 60 ఏళ్ల తన సుద్దీర్ఘ నిరీక్షణ రాష్ట్ర లోకాయుక్త చొరవతో పరిష్కారమైనందుకు కృష్ణవేణి (82) ఆనందం వ్యక్తం చేసినట్లు రిజిస్ట్రార్ ఆ ప్రకటనలో తెలియజేశారు.

బాధితురాలికి పించను సొమ్ము మంజూరు

కర్నూలు విద్య, న్యూస్ టుడే: తూర్పు గోదావరి జిల్లా ఆర్.అండ్.బి శాఖలో శేషగిరి రావు అసిస్టెంట్ ఇంజనీర్ గా విధులు నిర్వహిస్తూ 1962లో చనిపోగా, ఆయన భార్య కృష్ణవేణి ప్యామిలీ పించను కోసం సంబంధిత ట్రిబ్యునల్ అధికారులకు దరఖాస్తు చేసుకున్నారు. న్యాయం జరుగకపోవడంతో 2021లో ఆమె లోకాయుక్తను ఆశ్రయించారని రిజిస్ట్రార్ వెంకటేశ్వరరెడ్డి బుధవారం తెలిపారు. కృష్ణవేణి పిర్యూదును లోకాయుక్త జస్టిస్ లక్ష్మణ రెడ్డి స్వీకరించి విచారణకు ఆదేశాలు జారీ చేశారు. ప్యామిలీ పించనకు కృష్ణవేణి అర్హురాలని, అప్పటి నుంచి పెండింగ్ లో ఉన్న పెన్షన్ సొమ్ము సుమారు రూ.15.70 లక్షలను ఆమె వ్యక్తిగత బ్యాంకు ఖాతాలో జమ చేసినట్లు ట్రిబ్యునల్ అధికారులు లోకాయుక్తకు సమర్పించినట్లు రిజిస్ట్రార్ వెంకటేశ్వరరెడ్డి పేర్కొన్నారు.

సాక్షి రాష్ట్రీయం

పించను వివాదానికి లోకాయుక్త పరిష్కారం

వృద్ధురాలికి బకాయిలు, పించను అందజేత

కర్నూలు(సెంట్రల్): ఆరవై ఏళ్లుగా ప్యామిలీ పించను కోసం ఎదురు చూస్తున్న 6 వృద్ధురాలికి లోకాయుక్త పరిష్కారం చూపింది. పించను మంజూరు చేసే బకాయివద్ద రూ.25 లక్షలతో పాటు నెలకు రూ.15 వేల పించను అందుకునేలా ఆదేశాలు ఇచ్చింది. వివరాల్లోకి వెళితే... తూర్పుగోదావరి జిల్లా కాకినాడకు చెందిన బి.శేషగిరిరావు రోడ్డు భవనాల శాఖలో అసిస్టెంట్ ఇంజనీరుగా పనిచేసాడు. 1962 ఫిబ్రవరి 6వ ప్రమాదవశాత్తూ చనిపోయాడు. భర్త మరణించడంతో పించను

మంజూరు చేయాలని ఆయన భార్య బి.కృష్ణవేణి అప్పట్లో అధికారులను కోరారు. అయితే ఆమె భర్త సర్వీసు రికార్డు లేకపోవడంతో అప్పటి నుంచి ఇప్పటి వరకు ఆమెకు న్యాయం చేయలేకపోయాడు. దీంతో 2022లో కృష్ణవేణి లోకాయుక్తను ఆశ్రయించి 60 ఏళ్లుగా కుటుంబ పించను మంజూరు చేయడం లేదని ఫిర్యాదు చేసింది. విచారణ చేపట్టిన లోకాయుక్త చైర్మన్ జస్టిస్ పి.లక్ష్మణరెడ్డి ఆ జిల్లా కలెక్టర్, ఆర్.అండ్.బి. ట్రిబ్యునల్ శాఖల అధికారులకు నోటీసులు జారీచేశారు. సర్వీసు రికార్డు లేదని అధికారులు నివేదించగా, కొత్తగా సర్వీసు రికార్డును రాయాలని చైర్మన్ ఆదేశాలు ఇచ్చారు. కొత్త సర్వీసు రికార్డు

రాసిన ఆనంతరం, ఇటీవల ఆమెకు పించను మంజూరైంది. 1962 నుంచి ఇప్పటి వరకు రూ.25 లక్షల పించను బకాయిలను మంజూరు చేశారు. దీనికి సంబంధించి ఇనకేమ్ ట్యాక్స్ మినహాయింపుకు మిగిలిన రూ.15.70 లక్షలను కాకినాడ ట్రిబ్యునల్ అధికారులు చెల్లించారు. అంతేగాక ఆమెకు నెలకు రూ.15 వేల ప్రకారం పించను కూడా చెల్లించేందుకు చర్యలు తీసుకుంటున్నట్లు బుధవారం అధికారులు లోకాయుక్తకు నివేదించారు. దీంతో చైర్మన్ జస్టిస్ పి.లక్ష్మణరెడ్డి కేసు మూసివేశారు. కాగా, తనకు పెన్షన్ మంజూరు చేసేందుకు కృష్ణవేణి లోకాయుక్తకు వృద్ధురాలు బి.కృష్ణవేణి కృతజ్ఞతలు తెలిపారు.



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