

KARNATAKA LOKAYUKTA

Compt/Uplok/BCD/2353/2015/DRE-2

M.S.Building,
Dr. B.R.Ambedkar Veedhi,
Bangalore, dtd. 24/01/2017.

REPORT UNDER SECTION 12(1) OF
KARNATAKA LOKAYUKTA ACT, 1984

Sub: To take action for proper maintenance of the
parks coming under Horticulture
Superintendent (South-2), BBMP,
Bengaluru-reg.

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An investigation was taken up by invoking section 9 of Karnataka Lokayukta Act, on the complaint filed by Dr. Kodur Venkatesh, Arise India Foundation, No.6, D Main, East End, 9th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru (hereinafter referred to as 'complainant' for short), against Sri G. Shankar Murthy-the then Horticulture Superintendent, BBMP South-2, 9th Main, 9th Cross, 2nd Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru, (hereinafter referred to as 'respondent' for short) alleging that the respondent has committed misconduct.

2. The complainant alleges that more than 200 parks are coming under the jurisdiction of Respondent/Horticulture Superintendent, BBMP, South-2, Bengaluru. Most of the parks are in pathetic condition and have become places of illegal activities. The contractors are not maintaining the parks and are not paying minimum wages to the workers employed by them. The contractors mafia are indulged in cutting branches of the trees and are using

the parks for their business and storing plastic materials. Parks are being allowed for private functions. The gates of the parks are not locked as per the timings. Antisocial elements, drunkards, criminals have been allowed after the park hours. There is huge corruption while releasing the contractors bills. Even though there is no provision for providing accommodation, electricity and water to park workers, the same has been provided within the park area. The Joint Commissioner, BBMP South by receiving his share obviously has not taken any action upon the complaints. Park contracts are not renewed and fresh tenders have not been awarded deliberately to show fake park worker attendance. The contractors are also showing false attendance of workers and are submitting fake bills. The respondent is directly involved in all such illegal activities pretending innocence. Hence, has prayed to take action against the respondents.

3. The respondent has submitted his comments dt.21.12.2015 denying all the allegations made in the complaint. Further states that there are 202 parks coming under Horticulture Superintendent (South-2), BBMP, Bengaluru. Most of the parks are in good condition, except few due to scarcity of water and where upgradation of parks has not been undertaken.

4. The complainant has submitted rejoinder dt.27.01.2016 reiterating the allegations made in the complaint.

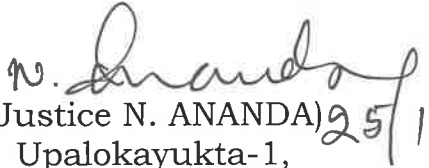
5. Even though the complainant has made lot of general allegations against the respondent, he has not produced any verifiable materials in support of his allegations against the respondent.

6. The photographs produced by the complainant go to show that the parks have not been properly maintained. The comments of the respondent go to show that some of the parks are not in good condition due to scarcity of water and are in need of upgradation.

5. Hence, recommendation is made to the Competent Authority under Section 12(1) of the Karnataka Lokayukta Act, 1984 to take appropriate action for proper maintenance of the parks coming under Horticulture Superintendent (South-2), BBMP, Bengaluru.

6. Further, as per section 12(2) of Karnataka Lokayukta Act, 1984, the Competent Authority is required to intimate this Authority within one month from the date of receipt of this report, the action taken or proposed to be taken on this report.

Connected records are enclosed.


(Justice N. ANANDA) 25/1
Upalokayukta-1,
State of Karnataka.
BENGALURU.

