KARNATAKA LOKAYUKTA

No.Compt/Uplok/BD-3261/2019/DRE-1 Multi Storied Buildings,
Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Veedhi,
Bengaluru-560 001
Date : 5/5/2020

Report under section 12(1) of Karnataka Lokayukta Act

Sub: Complaint filed by Sri.P.Thyagaraj S/o.Late Papanna, RTI Activist, Srirampura Post, Chikkkaballapura Taluk and District.

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1. On the basis of the complaint filed by Sri.P.Thyagaraj S/o.Late Papanna, RTI Activist, Kolavanahalli Village, Srirampura Post, Chikkaballapura Taluk and District, against District Health Officer, District Health and Family Welfare Department, Chikkaballapura District, an investigation under Section 9 of the Karnataka Lokayukta Act, 1984 was taken up.

2. The gist of the complaint is that in Sub-Primary Health Centre of Kolavanahalli there is no A.N.M (ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಸಹಾಯಕಿ) since 7 years which has caused hardship to the villagers, as the villagers have to travel 10 k.ms, to Chikkaballapura City get medical service. It is contended that though requisition was submitted on 7/8/2018 itself, to appoint a permanent A.N.M., to the said Primary Health Centre, no action has been taken so far.

3. Alongwith the complaint, the complainant has produced the copy of the requisition dt.7/8/2018 and the reply dt.3/10/18

given by District Health Officer, Chikkaballapura. In the said reply the District Health Officer has stated that the appointment of permanent staff is under progress and if appointed, to the said Primary Health Centre, permanent A.N.M. would be provided by the Health Department. It is also informed that at present Smt.H.N.Pavithra Junior A.N.M, has been deputed to Kolavanahalli Sub-P.H.C., who visits the said health centre once in a week.

4. The report was called for from the D.H.O, Chikkaballapur regarding the steps taken for appointment of a regular A.N.M. to Sub-P.H.C of Kolavanahalli.

5. District Health Officer, Chikkaballapur in his report dt.3/1/2020 has stated that the process of appointment of ANM is undertaken by the office of the Commissioner, Health and Family Welfare Department, Anand Rao Circle, Bangalore and the vacant posts would filled up through the process of counseling. It is further stated that in public interest, the ANMs of adjacent Health Centre/Hospitals are placed incharge of the Primary Health Centers where ever the posts are vacant and the said incharge ANMs would attend the Primary Health Centers, 2-3 days in a week.

6. Further, District Health Officer was directed to submit the report with regard to the incharge arrangement made in Sub-Primary Health Centre, Kolavanahalli. In the report dated 24/2/2020, District Health Officer, Chikkaballapur, has furnished information that Smt.H.N.Pavithra Junior A.N.M, has been placed incharge of Kolavanahalli Sub-Primary Health Centre who would attend the duty at Sub-Primary

Health Centre, Kolavanahalli, three days in a week, that is, Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

7. In the complaint it is stated that Kolavanahalli is a village with 1500 population. Therefore considering the population of the village and the distance between Kolavanahalli and District Head Quarters, it would be appropriate to make recommendation to the Competent Authority to expedite the steps for posting a regular ANM to Kolavanahalli Sub-Primary Health Centre and in the meantime to continue incharge arrangement already made.

8. Hence, recommendation is made u/s 12(1) Karnataka Lokayukta Act to expedite the steps for posting a regular ANM to Kolavanahalli Sub-Primary Health Centre and in the meantime to continue incharge arrangement already made.

9. The Competent Authority shall intimate or cause to be intimated to this Authority about the action taken on the report within one month thereafter as stipulated under Section 12(2) of Karnataka Lokayukta Act, 1984.

Connected records are enclosed herewith.

6-5-20

(Justice B.S.Patil)
Upalokayukta-2
State of Karnataka, Bengaluru

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