

**Karnataka Lokayukta**  
(Under Section 7 of the Karnataka Lokayukta Act, 1984)

CASE  
NUMBER COMPT/UPLOK/GLB/2006/2022

District : **Koppal**

**BY :**

**1. SUO MOTO**

As per the Order of Honble Upalokayukta-2, Dated:  
30/05/2022.

**COMPLAINANT/S**

**AGAINST :**

**1. DISTRICT HEALTH OFFICER**

Koppal District, Koppal.

**2. DISTRICT SURGEON**

District Hospital, Koppal.

**3. RESIDENT MEDICAL OFFICER**

District Hospital, Koppal

**4. RESIDENT MEDICAL OFFICER**

Taluk Hospital, Gangavathi Taluk, Koppal District.

**5. RESIDENT MEDICAL OFFICER**

Taluk Hospital, Yalaburga Taluk, Koppal District.

**6. RESIDENT MEDICAL OFFICER**

Taluk Hospital, Kushtagi Taluk, Koppal District.

**RESPONDENT/S**

**Allegation/Grievance  
Brief :** Dereliction of duty.

Received From : Suo Moto

Received On : 31-05-2022

**Complaint stands  
allotted to :** ARE-5

Seal and Signature

ಸಹಾಯಕ ನಿರೀಕ್ಷಕರು

ಕಾನೂನು ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯ

ನೂರು ವಿಭಾಗ

**SCRUTINY AND OPINION**

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಲೋಕಾಯುಕ್ತ ಕಛೇರಿ

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**KARNATAKA LOKAYUKTA, BENGALURU**

No:

Date: 30-05-2022

**ORDER**

In 'Samyuktha Karnataka daily' dated 30.05.2022, a news item with the heading "ಇದ್ದೂ ಇಲ್ಲದಂತಾದ ಸಿ.ಐ. ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಯಂತ್ರಗಳು" has been published. Instead of repeating the news item, it is useful to extract the same, which reads as hereunder:

" ಸಿ.ಐ. ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಯಂತ್ರ ಖರೀದಿಸಿ ಸುಮಾರು ಒಂದೂವರೆ ತಿಂಗಳು ಕಳೆದರೂ ಮೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಅಸ್ಪತ್ರೆಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಸ್ಪತ್ರೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಈವರೆವಿಗೂ ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನ ಭಾಗ್ಯ ಕಂಡಿಲ್ಲ.

ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪ್ರದೇಶಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಮಂಡಳಿಯ ಅನುದಾನದ ಅಡಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಗಂಗಾವತಿ, ಯಲಬುರ್ಗಾ, ಕುಷ್ಟಗಿ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಮತ್ತು ಕೊಪ್ಪಳದ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಸ್ಪತ್ರೆಗೆ ಸಿ.ಐ. ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಯಂತ್ರಗಳನ್ನು ಖರೀದಿಸಿ, ಕಳುಹಿಸಿದೆ. ಪ್ರತಿ ಸಿ.ಐ. ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಯಂತ್ರಕ್ಕೆ ರೂ.3 ಕೋಟಿ ವ್ಯಯಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಒಟ್ಟು ರೂ.12 ಕೋಟಿ ಖರ್ಚು ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಆದರೆ, ಈವರೆಗೂ ಸಿ.ಐ. ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಯಂತ್ರಗಳು ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನಗೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಿಲ್ಲ. ಇತ್ತೀಚೆಗೆ ನಡೆದ ತ್ರೈಮಾಸಿಕ ಪ್ರಗತಿ ಪರಿಶೀಲನಾ ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಸದ ಸಂಗಣ್ಣ ಕರಡಿ, ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ



ಉಸ್ತುವಾರಿ ಸಚಿವ ಆನಂದ್‌ಸಿಂಗ್, ಸಚಿವ ಹಾಲಪ್ಪ ಆಚಾರ್, ಶಾಸಕರಾದ ರಾಘವೇಂದ್ರ ಹಿಬ್ಬಾಳ್ ಮತ್ತು ಅಮರೇಗೌಡ ಬಯ್ಯಾಪುರ ಸೇರಿದಂತೆ ಎಲ್ಲ ಜನಪ್ರತಿನಿಧಿಗಳೂ ಸಿ.ಐ. ಸ್ಕ್ಯಾನಿಂಗ್ ಯಂತ್ರ ಖರೀದಿಸಿ ಭಿಕ್ಷು ದಿನಗಳು ಕಳೆದರೂ ಭಿಕ್ಷು ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನಗೊಳಿಸಿಲ್ಲ. ಭದರಿಂದ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರಿಗೆ ತೊಂದರೆ ಆಗುತ್ತಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆರೋಗ್ಯಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ತರಾವಣೆ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡರು. ಆದರೂ ಕೂಡ ಪರಿಷ್ಕೃತಿ ಸುಧಾರಣೆ ಕಂಡುಬಂದಿಲ್ಲ.

ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಸ್ಪತ್ರೆ ಮತ್ತು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಕೇಂದ್ರಗಳಿಗೆ ಬಂದ ರೋಗಿಗಳು ಖಾಸಗಿ ಸಿ.ಐ. ಸ್ಕ್ಯಾನಿಂಗ್ ಕೇಂದ್ರಗಳಿಗೆ ಹೋಗಿ ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆ ಮಾಡಿಸಬೇಕಾಗಿದೆ. ಭದರಿಂದಾಗಿ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಚಿಕಿತ್ಸೆ ಪಡೆಯುವ ರೋಗಿಗಳು ಬಹಳಷ್ಟು ಹಣ ಖರ್ಚು ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅಲ್ಲದೇ ಸಮಯವೂ ವ್ಯರ್ಥವಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆ.

ಸಿವಿಲ್ ಕೆಲಸ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಿರುವುದರಿಂದ, ಸಿ.ಐ. ಸ್ಕ್ಯಾನಿಂಗ್ ಯಂತ್ರ ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನಗೊಳಿಸುವಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಳಂಬವಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಸಿವಿಲ್ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸಂಣಿಗೊಳಿಸಿ, ಶೀಘ್ರ ಸಿ.ಐ. ಸ್ಕ್ಯಾನಿಂಗ್ ಯಂತ್ರಗಳನ್ನು ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನಗೊಳಿಸುತ್ತೇವೆ. ಅಲ್ಲದೇ ಅವಶ್ಯವಿರುವ ರೇಡಿಯೋಲಜಿಸ್ಟ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ನೇಮಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಕ್ರಮವಹಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಡಾ. ಅಲಕಾನಂದ ಮಳಗಿ, ಡಿಹೆಚ್‌ಓ.

2. The news item extracted above indicates that Medical Education Department had purchased four C.T. Scan machines by spending a sum of Rs.12 Crores (each costs Rs.3 Crores) and supplied to the

District Hospital, Koppala and Taluk Hospitals of Gangavathi, Yalburga and Kushtagi Taluks. However, even after lapse of one and half months, C.T. Scan machines have not been installed at the hospitals referred to above. On account of the negligence on the part of the concerned in not installing the C.T. Scan machines, the patients are made to visit the private C.T. Scan Centers for getting the C.T. Scan done by spending a huge amount.

3. It is needless to point out that all the District and Taluk Hospitals in the State are established with a view to provide effective and purposeful health care to poorer section of the society who cannot afford to approach private hospitals/private health care practitioners. Any dereliction of duty on the part of the concerned in providing effective and quality health care would not only result in denial of right to life and liberty guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution of India, but also

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amounts to mal-administration within the meaning of Section 2(10) of the Karnataka Lokayukta Act, 1984. Therefore, the authorities/officers who are entrusted with the responsibility of installing the C.T. Scan machines are required to take immediate steps for installing the C.T. Scan machines and provide effective health care to the poorer sections of the society. In this connection, it is useful to refer to the observations made by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the Case of **Paschim Banga Khet Mazdoor Samity & Others V/s State of West Bengal and Another** reported in (1996) 4 **SCC 37** which reads as hereunder;

9. *The Constitution envisages the establishment of a welfare State at the federal level as well as the State level. In a welfare State the primary duty of the Government is to secure the welfare of the people. Providing adequate medical facilities for the people is an essential part of the obligations undertaken by*



*the Government in a welfare State. The Government discharges this obligation by running hospitals and health centers which provide medical care to the person seeking to avail of those facilities. Article 21 imposes an obligation on the state to safeguard the right to life of every person. Preservation of human life is thus of paramount importance. The government hospitals run by the State and the medical officers employed therein are duty-bound to extend medical assistance for preserving human life. Failure on the part of a government hospital to provide timely medical treatment to a person in need of such treatment results in violation of his right to life guaranteed under Article 21.....*

4. In the light of the discussion made above, I am of the view that it is desirable to consider the news item published in 'Samyuktha Karnataka' as



source material to exercise the power conferred on me under Sec. 7(2) and 9(3)(a) of the K.L. Act. Accordingly, I exercise my suo-motu power and the office is directed to register this proceedings as suo-motu proceeding.

5. With a view to examine the issues raised in the news item referred to above, I am of the view, that it is necessary to implead the officers mentioned herein below as parties/respondents to this proceeding and issue notice calling for comments from them.

1.	The District Health Officer, Koppala District, Koppala.
2.	The District Surgeon, District Hospital, Koppala.
3.	The Resident Medical Officer, District Hospital, Koppala.

4.	The Resident Medical Officer, Taluk Hospital, Gangavathi Taluk, Koppala District.
5.	The Resident Medical Officer, Taluk Hospital, Yalaburga Taluk, Koppala District.
6.	The Resident Medical Officer, Taluk Hospital, Kushtagi Taluk, Koppala District.

6. The Officers/Officials referred to above are directed to examine the issues raised in the news item extracted above and take immediate steps for installing the C.T. Scan machines at the hospitals referred to above for the benefit of patients forthwith. They are given two weeks time to submit their report/comments i.e., on or before 16.06.2022.

7. Communicate the copy of this order to the respondents referred to above along with the copy





of news item published in 'Samyuktha Karnataka Daily' and also to the Dy.S.P., Karnataka Lokayukta, Koppala to investigate the issues referred to in the News Item and the officers/officials responsible for making delay in installing the C.T. Scan machines in the hospitals referred to above and submit report on or before 16.06.2022.

8. The respondent no.3 is directed to appear before this authority on **16.06.2022 at 3:30 P.M.** for hearing.

**List this matter on 16.06.2022 at 3:30 P.M.**

*K.N. Phaneendra*  
30/05/2022  
(Justice K.N. Phaneendra),  
Upalokayukta-2,  
Karnataka State.