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

CASE            **COMPT/UPLOK**  
NUMBER : **/MYS/3768/2023**  
District :    **Mysore**

**BY :****1. Suo Moto**

As per the Order of Honble Upalokayukta,  
Dated:28/06/2023.

**COMPLAINANT/S****AGAINST :****1. Rangegowda**

Joint Director, Social Welfare Department, Babu  
Jagajeevanram Bhavana, Narayanswamy Block,  
Adi Pampa Road, Paduvaralli, Mysuru.

**2. Chikkeeraiah**

Warden, Govt.Post Metric PUC Boys Hostel,  
Gaddige Main Road, Bogadi, Mysuru.

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

Received From : Suo Moto (Upalok-2 section)

Received On : 30-06-2023

**Seal and Signature**

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**Complaint stands  
allotted to :****DRE-4****SCRUTINY AND OPINION**

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**KARNATAKA LOKAYUKTA: BENGALURU**

No. *Comptroller Mys - 3768/23*

Date: 28.06.2023

**ORDER**

After visiting Government Girls Bala Mandira and Boys Bala Mandira, in Mysuru on 18.06.2023, we paid a surprise visit to Govt. Post Metric PUC Boys Hostel situated in Bogadhi run by Social Welfare Department at about 6.30 p.m. On our entry into one of the hostel room situated on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor, I found that the walls were not painted for a long time and there were unwanted writings and ugly scriblings on the walls of the rooms which require immediate painting. On enquiry, the inmates of the Boys hostel complained to me that solar hot water is not made available to them for bathing. No geysers are installed to supply hot water. As such, they were constrained to take bath in cold water.

2. On my careful examination of the hostel rooms, the coir mattresses provided to them were all in torn out condition and they were in very bad shape. Some of the cots did not even have any

mattresses and the boys were made to sleep on metal cots without a bed. The District Social Welfare Officer admitted that there is short supply of beds and mattresses and replacement of those mattresses would involve substantial financial implications and the Government has to make available the required funds for the said purposes. I could notice that the hostel boys were not even provided with proper bed spreads and blankets.

3. They complained to me that there are no chairs and tables in their hostel rooms to sit and study, as a result, they were compelled to study on the cots and beds provided to them which will not create a reading atmosphere. They pleaded for reading room facility. These legitimate demands are to be met by the District Social Welfare Officer at the earliest by obtaining necessary financial assistance from the Government.

4. Hostel bathrooms were not properly cleaned and maintained. Strong strench was emanating from bathrooms and toilets. The hostel warden and the District Social Welfare Officer shall





bestow interest to give a acid wash to the bathrooms to maintain them regularly by proper disinfectation. Every care shall be taken to prevent spread of communicable diseases by maintaining proper hygiene in the hostel. Kitchen shall be cleaned everyday and properly maintained. Quality food shall be prepared and supplied in adequate quantity for the growing children. The legitimate demands of the students such as mattresses, chairs, tables shall be addressed at the earliest. The rooms were poorly illuminated and there was no sufficient light for students during reading hours. Fans and tubelights shall be made functional within two weeks from the date of receipt of this order.

5. It was also noticed that, the cigarette smell was emanating from one of the hostel room. Some of the hostel mates were found addicted to smoking and drinking. The Hostel authorities are directed to immediately stop such culture in the hostel by suitably counselling the boys.

6. Having noticed poor maintenance and mal-administration in the above hostel, I decide to

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invoke power conferred on me under Section 7(2) and 9(3)(a) of Karnataka Lokayukta Act, 1984 to initiate suo-motu action against the officers responsible for poor maintenance and mal-administration of this hostel and I direct the office to register a suo-motu complaint against the concerned officials.

7. The following officials be impleaded as respondents for proper and effective adjudication of the complaint:-

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name and Designation of the officers</b>
1.	Sri Rangegowda, Joint Director, Social Welfare Department, Babu Jagajeevanram Bhavana, Narayanswamy Block, Adi Pampa Road, Paduvaralli, Mysuru.
2.	Sri Chikkeeraiah, Warden, Govt. Post Metric PUC Boys Hostel, Gaddige Main Road, Bogadi Mysuru.

8. Call for comments from the respondents together with compliance report by forwarding copy of this order so that, comments and



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compliance report shall reach this office within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order. Send a copy of this order to the Hon'ble Minister for Social Welfare Department for kind information and necessary action.

List this matter after two weeks. - G - 19-07-2023

*K.N. Phaneendra*  
28/6/23  
**(Justice K.N. Phaneendra)**  
Upalokayukta,  
Karnataka State.

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