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

CASE **COMPT/UPLOK**
NUMBER : **/MYS/889/2023**
District : **Kodagu**

BY :

1. Suo Moto

As per the Order of Honble Upalokayukta, Date:
03/02/2023.

COMPLAINANT/S

AGAINST :

1. Vismayee V.T.

Assistant Director, Sports Hostel, Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports, General Thimmaiah Stadium, Mans Compound, Madikeri, Kodagu District.

2. Guruswamy

The then Assistant Director(I/c), Sports Hostel, Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports, General Thimmaiah Stadium, Mans Compound, Madikeri, Kodagu District, Present working as AD, Handlooms and Textiles Dept. Madikeri, Kodagu District.

3. Shobha

Warden, The then Assistant Director(I/c), Sports Hostel, Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports, General Thimmaiah Stadium, Mans Compound, Madikeri, Kodagu District.

RESPONDENT/S

Allegation/Grievance Dereliction of duty.

Brief :

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KARNATAKA LOKAYUKTA

No:

Date: 03.02.2023

ORDER

During my visit to Kodagu District in connection with redressal of public grievances and to decide pending cases, it was brought to my notice that the Sports Hostel run by Directorate of Youth Empowerment and Sports, State Youth Centre, Yavanika, Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru is in a deplorable condition and the inmates of the Hostel were not provided adequate and proper food, appropriate sports equipment and the living conditions were most unhygienic.

2. I paid a surprise visit to the said Hostel at about 1.30 p.m on Sunday the 22nd January 2023, in order to ascertain whether adequate facilities were provided and made available to the inmates of the Hostel and their living conditions are proper and in accordance



with the norms stipulated by the Youth Services and Sports Authority.

3. During my visit the Sports Hostel premises was poorly maintained and the costly sports equipments provided to the inmates of the Hostel were all dumped in bath rooms and in front of the area adjacent to the bath rooms and toilets situated in the first floor of the complex. Even though best sports equipments were supplied to the Hostel, articles were not issued to the needy students. The study tables provided in large number were also dumped haphazardly and they were not put to use by the students. The toilets constructed in the ground floor were clogged and was in very unhygienic condition and foul smell was emanating from the toilets. The toilets were badly stained and discoloured and there was poor maintenance and they were stinking very badly which breeds infections and diseases to the children. This poses health hazard to the young inmates of the hostel. It was also pointed out to me that, one of the electric geyser provided in the bath room was not

functional out of the four geysers provided in the hostel.


4. On my enquiry, the students appeared to be well tutored and they did not allege or attribute apathy and negligence on the part of Hostel authorities in maintaining the hostel and providing proper living conditions to the budding sports persons.

5. On the other hand, I have examined the photographs taken earlier by the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Karnataka Lokayukta, Madikeri, Kodagu District when he paid a surprise visit to the said hostel on an earlier occasion to make a discreet enquiry to ascertain whether proper facilities are made available to the students living in the hostel and to examine whether the authorities are catering to the needs of the athletes and hockey players.

6. It was also brought to my notice that sufficient quantity of food is not provided to the students. On the other hand, only two chapatis were provided to them as against their need for more. However, the students

did not come forward to narrate the inconveniences and inadequacies suffered by them may be due to the threat of authorities or to some extent their requirement was taken care of anticipating my surprise visit.

7. It was represented to me that the children were not provided quality food, nutritious meals every day but they were given only one or two chicken pieces in a week and small quantity of dry fruits which is inadequate for the sports persons. The Hostel authorities shall make every endeavour to provide healthy diet and adequate nutrition to the students as per the menu chart displayed in the hostel including fresh meat and quality poultry products as stipulated by the Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports. Food and nutrition plays a predominant role in overall growth of the children especially when they are pursuing athletics, hockey and other sports. The children housed in the hostel were very young and their growth would be stunted on account of lack of protein.



8. The Assistant Director of the Hostel Smt. Vismayee V.T was present and stated that the living conditions of the Hostel are improved to the best possible extent after she assumed charge of the Hostel as Assistant Director very recently. The officers who are incharge of the affairs of the sports hostel earlier to her posting are necessary and proper parties to examine dereliction of duty and mal-administration of the sports hostel.

9. On careful examination of the facilities maintained by the Sports Authority of India [SAI] particularly, the swimming pool existing adjacent to the hostel, the authorities have maintained the facility in a best possible manner. The hockey stadium situated by the side of the road is also well maintained. There is no reason as to why the State Government cannot maintain the State run Sports hostel and facilities required for the younger generation in a similar manner with good standards when there is no dearth for funds to promote sports activities in the State.

10. Lack of will to raise the standard of the sports facilities and official apathy appears to be the reason for poor and substandard maintenance of the sports hostel and allied facilities. This situation compels me to exercise my suo-motu power to register a complaint against all the concerned with an avowed object of improving the sports facilities and living conditions of the sports hostel.

11. The children are the torch bearers of the future society and they must win laurels to the state and country. Having regard to the poor performance of Indian sports contingent in recently held National and International Sports events more particularly, in Common Wealth Games and Olympics, India needs to promote and nurture young talents to compete with the developed countries in the International Sports arena. Karnataka's performance in this regard is also very dismal. For this reason Khelo India Games were conducted recently to upgrade the sports facilities and to improve infrastructure in the sports complexes. The Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports and

the Karnataka Olympic Association must bestow interest keeping in mind the objects of Union Sports Ministry in promoting sports activities in all sports disciplines in the State and the facilities provided to the athletes and hockey players in Kodagu should be on par with the facilities provided by the Sports Authority of India in the Southern Region. Though, a small district, Kodagu contributes highest to the Army and also in the Sports activities particularly in events like hockey and athletics. No doubt this part of the State has produced best sports persons in several sports disciplines but in the recent past, we have seen dwindling talent in the young sports persons.

12. Under these circumstances, it is expedient in the interest of sports and the Nation, to initiate appropriate action against the officers attached to the Sports Hostel, Madikeri in order to mitigate the inconveniences of the young sports students and also to promote healthy sports activity.

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13. In the light of what is stated above, the deficiencies noted during the visit to the Sports Hostel, Kodagu District are prima-facie sufficient to exercise suo-motu power under Sec. 7(2) and 9(3)(a) of the Karnataka Lokayukta Act, 1984. Accordingly, I hereby exercise my suo-motu powers and initiate suo-motu proceedings. The office is directed to register this proceeding as suo-motu proceeding.

14. In this connection, it is desirable to implead the following officers/officials as respondents for the purpose of investigation and seeks their comments/reply.

Sl. No.	Name and Designation of the officers
1.	Smt. Vismayee V.T, Assistant Director, Sports Hostel, Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports, General Thimmaiah Stadium, Man's compound, Madikeri, Kodagu District.
2.	Sri Guruswamy, The then Assistant Director (I/c), Sports Hostel, Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports, General Thimmaiah Stadium, Man's compound, Madikeri, Kodagu District.

	Presently working as Assistant Director, Handlooms and Textiles Department, Madikeri, Kodagu District.
3.	Smt. Shobha, Warden, Sports Hostel, Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports, General Thimmaiah Stadium, Man's compound, Madikeri, Kodagu District.

15. The Assistant Director, Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports, Kodagu District, shall take immediate steps to unclog the blocked toilets, and shall effect necessary repairs to the toilets. The poor and unhygienic conditions prevailing in the toilets shall be immediately addressed not later than 15 days from the date of receipt of this order and also make available the required facilities to all the inmates of the Hostel.

16. I further direct them to improve the quality of food provided in the Hostel to promote health and sports activity of the inmates. The students shall be provided with study tables and a healthy environment in the hostel to promote their academic interest and also talent in athletics and hockey.



17. Proper library facilities and computers shall be provided to the students and the available sports channels shall be beamed in the T.V room provided for the students.

18. The portraits of prominent sports persons hailing from Kodagu District and achievers in the National Sports arena shall be displayed in the hostel to motivate students to achieve medals in the National and International Sport events. The required books and reading materials needed for their academic purposes and sports shall also be made available in the library.

19. Facilities of reputed coaches shall be made available to the students in both disciplines.

20. It is also necessary to improve the living conditions and to make available adequate sports equipment and facilities to all the Sports Hostels situated in the State not only in Coorg but also in places like Dharwad and other places so as to bring out best sports talent among the children and youth at

a time Khelo India games are promoted in the country to nurture the sports talents.

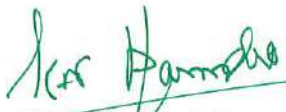
21. Register a suo-motu case and issue notice to the respondents referred to above calling upon them to submit their comments and also to report compliance of the inadequacies noted by me in the above paragraphs within one month from the date of receipt of this order.

22. The copy of this order be communicated to;

- i) The Hon'ble Minister, Youth Empowerment and Sports, Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru.
- ii) The Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports, M.S. Building, Bengaluru.
- iii) The Commissioner, Directorate of Youth Empowerment and Sports, State Youth Centre, Yavanika, Nrupathunga Road, Bangalore.
- iv) The Deputy Commissioner, Madikeri, Kodagu District.

for information and necessary action.

Call on 10.03.2023.


(Justice K.N. Phaneendra)
Upalokayukta-2,
State of Karnataka.

