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IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA AT HYDERABAD (Special Original Jurisdiction)

FRIDAY, THE NINETEENTH DAY OF APRIL TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY FOUR

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE ALOK ARADHE AND THE HONOURABLE SHRI JUSTICE ANIL KUMAR JUKANTI

WRIT PETITION NO: 26689 OF 2015

Between:

Berugu Rajaiah, S/o. Berugu Sammaiah, aged 48 years, Occ: Agriculture, R/o. Shyampet Village and Mandal, Warangal District.

...PETITIONER

AND

- 1. The State of Telangana, represented by its Secretary, Revenue Department, Secretariat, Hyderabad.
- 2. Upa-Lokayukta for the State of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, Basheerbagh, Hyderabad - 500 063.
- 3. The Collector, Warangal, Warangal District.
- 4. The Tahsildar, Shayampet Mandal, Warangal District.
- Nallella Devendar, S/o Sambaiah, aged 29 years, Occ Agriculture, R/o. Shayampet village and Mandal, Warangal District.

...RESPONDENTS

Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed therewith, the High Court may be pleased to issue an order or direction more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Certiorari calling for the records relating to order in complaint No.2961/2013/B2 dated: 07-06-2014 passed by the 2nd respondent Upa-Lokayukta and quash the same holding as highly arbitrary, bad, illegal and without jurisdiction

I.A. NO: 2 OF 2015(WPMP. NO: 34666 OF 2015)

Petition under Section 151 CPC praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased to suspend the order in complaint No.2961/2013/B2 dated 07-06-2014 passed by the 2nd respondent Upa-Lokayukt, pending disposal of the writ petition

Counsel for the Petitioner: SRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY(NOT PRESENT)

Counsel for the Respondent No.1,3 & 4: GP FOR REVENUE (NOT PRESENT)

Counsel for the Respondent No.2: SRI Y. RAVINDRA, SC FOR UPA-LOKAYUKTA(NOT PRESENT)

Counsel for the Respondent No.5: - - -

The Court made the following: ORDER

THE HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE ALOK ARADHE AND THE HON'BLE SHRI JUSTICE ANIL KUMAR JUKANTI

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ORDER: (per the Hon'ble the Chief Justice Alok Aradhe)

None for the parties.

2. In this Writ Petition, petitioner has challenged the validity of the order dated 07.06.2014 by which Upa-Lokayukta has held that respondent No.5 is the pattadar and in possession of land measuring Acs.3.16 guntas in Survey No.384/B situate at Shayampet Gram Village Revenue Sivar, Warangal, and has directed the Tahsildar to fix boundaries in respect of the aforesaid land with the assistance of Assistant Director of Survey and Land Records.

3. Section 7 of the Telangana Lokayukta Act, 1983, which provides for the matters which may be investigated by Lokayukta or Upa-Lokayukta, reads as under:

"7. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Lokayukta may investigate any action which is taken by, or with the general or specific approval of, or at the behest of,-

(i) a Minister or a Secretary; or

(ii) a Member of either House of the State Legislature;

(iii) a Mayor of the Municipal Corporation constituted by or under the relevant law for the time being in force; or

or

(iii-a) a Vice Chancellor or a Registrar of a University;

(iv) any other public servant, belonging to such class or section of public servants, as may be notified by the Government in this behalf after consultation with the Lokayukta, in any case where a complaint involving an allegation is made in respect of such action, or such action can be or could have been, in the opinion of the Lokayukta, the subject of an allegation.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Upa-Lokayukta may investigate any action which is taken by, or with the general or specific approval of, any public servant, other than those referred to in sub-section (1), in any case where a complaint involving an allegation is made in respect of such action, or such action can be or could have been, in the opinion of the Upa-Lokayukta, the subject of an allegation.

(3) Notwithstanding anything in sub-section (2), the Lokayukta may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, investigate any allegation in respect of an action which may be investigated by the Upa-Lokayukta under that sub-section, whether or not complaint has been made to the Lokayukta in respect of such action.

(4) Where two or more Upa-Lokayuktas are appointed under this Act, the Lokayukta may by general or special order, assign to each of them matters which may be investigated by them under this Act:

Provided that no investigation made by the Upa-Lokayukta under this Act and no action taken or thing done by him in respect of such investigation shall be called in question on the ground only that such investigation relates to a matter which is not assigned to him by such order."

4. Thus, from perusal of aforesaid Section, it is evident that Lokayukta or Upa-Lokayukta has no power to entertain the complaint with regard to fixation of boundaries in respect of the subject land.

Therefore, the impugned order dated 07.06.2014 is 5.

hereby quashed.

In the result, the Writ Petition is allowed. 6.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand

closed. There shall be no order as to costs.

SD/- P.Ch. NAGABHUSHAMBA ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

SECTION OFFICER

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- 7. Two CCs to GP FOR REVENUE, High Court for the State of Telangana. [OUT]
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HIGH COURT DATED:19/04/2024



ORDER

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ALLOWING THE WRIT PETITION WITHOUT COSTS