## <u>Complaint No.LA/COM/5029/2022 (T-6)</u> Smt. Komal Ram Nathani

## Hearing on 05.04.2023

Present : (1) Complainant Smt. Komal Ram Nathani; (2) Shri Dinesh V. Bhadane, API on behalf of Superintendent of Police, Nandurbar

The complainant has made a complaint alleging that one Shri Sunil Babulal Patil is carrying on illegally money lending business. Accordingly, the complainant and her husband had taken loan from these people. It is her case that she has paid the loan along with interest. However, the said Patil and 5 others are giving death threat to her and her husband. As a result, the complainant is suffering from mental harassment.

2. I have heard Shri Dinesh Bhadane, API, Upnagar Police Station, Nandurabar. According to him, the complainant is not ready to sign the complaint and therefore, no action has been taken.

3. The complainant shall go to the Police Station tomorrow and register the complaint and sign it. The complainant shall prepare a complaint and sigh it and give it to the Upnagar Police Station. The Office Incharge of the Police Station shall immediately register the First Information Report under Section 120B, 452, 354, 504 and 506 and Section 6, 7 and 33 of the Bombay Money Lenders Act and take immediate action against the concerned persons. Shri Bhadane, API may register the statement of the complainant today in the office.

4. I am informed by the complainant that again couple of days' ago, these persons had given death threat to her husband, as a result of which he could not start his business.

5. A report may be submitted by the Officer Incharge of the Police Station within three weeks from today. If any threat is given, immediate action may be taken by the Police.

6. I am informed that District Deputy Registrar, Cooperative Societies, Nandurbar has registered five cases. Though the notice was issued to the District Deputy Registrar, he has not remained present. Issue notice to him asking him as to why he was not remained present today. Issue summons to the District Deputy Registrar to remain present on next date. If he doesn't remain present, a non-bailable warrant will be issued against him. He shall take action against these persons, who are illegally carrying out the money lending business.

7. In the State of Maharashtra, there are several such money lenders, who are operating without obtaining money lending license and are giving loans to farmers and thereafter, they are harassing such persons. Most of the farmers in Maharashtra have committed suicides on account of harassment by the money lenders. The State Government shall constitute a SIT to find out, what action is taken by the District Deputy Registrar, Nandurbar and other Registrars in other districts. Further enquiry will have to be made regarding suicides committed by the farmers and the action taken by the State of Maharashtra in this regard.

8. Issue notice to the Additional Chief Secretary (Home), Government of Maharashtra. He shall submit a report to that effect within four weeks.

9. Adjourned to 20.06.2023 at 11.15 a.m.

(Justice V. M. Kanade) Lokayukta 05.04.2023