<u>Complaint No.LA/COM/3611/2019 (T-1)</u> Shri Ashok Madan Prakashkar

Hearing on 10.11.2023

Present : (1) Complainant Shri Ashok Madan Prakashkar; (2) Shri Rajendra Ramdas Sadgir, Divisional Forest Officer (Vigilance), Dhule Forest Division, Dhule

Pursuant to the directions given by me, SIT was constituted by the Director General of Police. They have investigated the matter and they have submitted a detailed report along with documents in support of their findings.

2. In the present case, the complainant has made the allegations that the money, which was supposed to be paid to the daily workers, was misappropriated and the names of these workers were fabricated. The SIT report supports the contentions of the complainant.

In view of this, I make the following recommendation under Section 12(3) of the Maharashtra Lokayukta and Upa-Lokayuktas Act, 1971 –

(i) The Principal Secretary, Revenue & Forests Department shall take action as per the SIT report and file FIR for the alleged misappropriation and irregularities committed.

(ii) The Police on the basis of FIR shall make investigation and file report in the Special Court or Magistrate, as the case may be. Both the complainant and Forest Department may submit their say during the investigation.

(iii) The Principal Secretary may also give directions to the Forest Department to hold departmental enquiry against

those persons, who are responsible and recover the money, which has been misappropriated.

- (iv) Action to be taken within eight weeks.
- 4. Place the matter for compliance.

(Justice V. M. Kanade) Lokayukta 10.11.2023