

Action on Lokayukta Reports

GOVERNMENT OF RAJASTHAN
Department of Personnel

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To,

1. All Principal Secretaries / Secretaries to Government
2. All Heads of Departments

SUBJECT: Guidelines regarding action to be taken on the reports of the Lokayukta.

Dear Madam / Sir,

As you are aware, the Lokayukta conducts enquiries into various complaints received by him. After completion of the enquiry, the Lokayukta submits his reports to the State Government for taking action on the various recommendations made by him in the report. It has been observed that there are a large number of Lokayukta reports which are pending for action by the various departments of the State Government. Chief Minister has expressed his concern over the fact that some of these reports were received long time ago and the concerned departments have still not taken necessary action as per the recommendations of the Lokayukta.

It appears that there is some lack of clarity regarding action required to be taken on the various reports of the Lokayukta. Therefore, the following guidelines are hereby issued for information of all concerned in this regard:-

- (1) As soon as any department receives a report of the Lokayukta, an Officer not below the rank of Deputy Secretary should examine the same. The various recommendations of the Lokayukta on which action is to be taken at the level of the Department should be identified. In case it is found that action on one or more of the

recommendations is required to be taken by some other Department(s), the concerned Department(s) should be immediately requested to initiate action on the issues relating to them. A copy of the report may also be forwarded to the Secretaries of the concerned departments. Simultaneously, a report may be forwarded to the Department of Personnel indicating, inter alia, the recommendations made by the Lokayukta.

- (2) After identification of the issues on which action is to be taken, the Department should ensure time bound action on each of the recommendations.
- (3) It is quite possible that the action which is required to be taken on the recommendations of the Lokayukta may require a detailed enquiry, which may take several months to complete. However, an interim reply should be immediately sent to the Lokayukta Sachivalaya indicating the action that is proposed to be taken by the Department and the likely time which would be required for completing the action at the level of the Department. In this connection your attention is invited to Section 12(2) of the Rajasthan Lokayukta and Up-Lokayukta Act, 1973 which stipulates that the competent authority should examine the report and intimate within three months of the date of receipt of the report, the Lokayukta the action taken or proposed to be taken on the basis of the report.
- (4) After the Department has completed the necessary action on the various recommendations of the Lokayukta, a detailed report should be submitted to the Lokayukta Sachivalaya indicating the action which has been taken by the Department on each of the recommendations. If after examination of the report submitted by the Department, the Lokayukta Sachivalaya seeks any further information or requests for any further action with regard to any of the issues, the concerned department should immediately comply with the same. The Departments will not close their files till a formal letter is received from the Lokayukta Sachivalaya stating that they have closed the matter at their level.

- (5) Principal Secretaries to Government / Secretaries to Government / Heads of Departments should personally review, once a month, the progress of the action taken on the recommendations of the Lokayukta.
- (6) Review of the action taken by the Departments on the reports of the Lokayukta will be included as a Standing Item for the meetings of the State Level Planning & Development Coordination Committee which are held under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary.
- (7) The nodal department for monitoring the progress of the implementation of the various recommendations contained in the reports of the Lokayukta is the Department of Personnel. All Departments will keep the Department of Personnel apprised about the latest position with regard to the implementation of the recommendations contained in the various reports of the Lokayukta. Copies of important communications to the Lokayukta Sachivalaya should be endorsed to the Department of Personnel for information.

You are requested to bring these guidelines to the knowledge of all concerned officers and to direct them to ensure that action is taken on the reports of the Lokayukta in accordance with these guidelines.

Yours faithfully,



(Ashok Sampatram)
Secretary to Government