

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION & PUBLIC GRIEVANCE DEPARTMENT

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From

Shri Asit Tripathy, IAS,
Chief Secretary, Odisha.

To

All Departments of Government/
All Heads of Departments/
All Collectors.

Sub: Implementation of the Odisha Lokayukta Act, 2014-timely compliance of the notices/ instructions issued from the Lokayukta, Odisha.

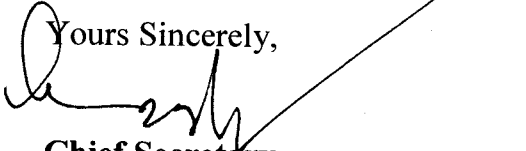
Sir,

As you are aware, the Lokayukta in the State has started functioning with effect from 20.3.2019. Section 22 of the Odisha Lokayukta Act, 2014 provides that the Lokayukta may require any public servant to furnish information or produce documents relevant to preliminary inquiry or investigation. This casts a duty on the Government officials to respond to the notices issued by the Lokayukta for furnishing information/reports and producing documents in the matter of conduct of proceedings before the Lokayukta. Similarly, section 28 of the Act stipulates that the Lokayukta can utilize the services of any officer or organization or investigating agency of the Government.

It has come to the notice of the Government that at times, Government officials do not respond to the notices issued from the Lokayukta, even though the proceedings before the Lokayukta are deemed to be judicial proceeding within the meaning of section 193 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860. Delay in compliance to the notices of the Lokayukta will impede the functioning of the statutory body.

It is, therefore, requested to kindly ensure that the notices/instructions issued from the Lokayukta are responded with utmost promptitude in your Department/Office to facilitate proper functioning of the Lokayukta and speedy disposal of the proceedings before it.

This may also be communicated to all sub-ordinate offices under your control for strict compliance.

Yours Sincerely,

Chief Secretary