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DATED: 20.6.2019

To,

The Chief Secretary, Government of Punjab, Punjab Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh.

Subject:- Demand Notice – for appointment of Lok Pal.

By E-mail

Dear Sir,

I hereby serve the following demand notice on you, on my own behalf:-

1. That there is provision for appointment of Lokpal under the Punjab Lokpal Act, 1996, who has been given jurisdiction to conduct inquiries against the public men, and also against public servants (in certain cases where they are also involved in the commission of misconduct by the public men). "Public men" include (i) the person who holds or has held the office of Minister; (ii) a Member of Legislative Assembly of the State; and (iii) the Chairman and a Member of a Board constituted by or under the State or Central Act or otherwise; (iv) Chairmen of certain Government Companies; (v) Chairman and a Member of any non-Statutory Committee constituted by the State Government; (vi) the Chairman and Vice Chairman of Zila Parishad under the Punjab Panchayati Raj Act, 1994, including its officials; (viii) Mayor, Senior Deputy Mayor of a Municipal Corporation constituted under the Punjab Municipal Corporation Act, 1976, including its officials; and (viii) the President and the Vice-President of a Municipal Council or Nagar Panchayat constituted under the Punjab Municipal Act, 1911, including its officials-for acts of misconduct, and to make appropriate recommendations to the State Government for taking action against them.

2. That notwithstanding the importance of the statutory post of Lokpal under the aforesaid statute, the said post is lying vacant for the last more than one year, which can not be justified. Thus, it is imperative on the part of the State to make appointment of a Lokpal, in consultation with the Hon'ble Chief Justice of Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court, without any further delay.

I would therefore, call upon you to immediately appoint a Lokpal in consultation with the Hon'ble Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana High Court at earliest, and in case within a period of one month from the date of receipt of this notice, which is being sent by E-mail also, failing which I shall be left with no other alternative except to approach the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court, by filing a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) for the redressal of my aforesaid legitimate grievance.

Meanwhile, please acknowledge receipt of this notice.

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