



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Local Self Government Department - Panchayat Establishment - Disciplinary action initiated against the officials of Chengala Grama Panchayat - Finalized - Orders issued.

LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT (EPB) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt) No.1306/2017/LSGD

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 24.04.2017

- Read: 1. Surprise Check Report No.E14(SC 29/2012/KSD) 24788/2012 dated 26.09.2012 from the Director, Vigilance & Anti-Corruption Bureau, Thiruvananthapuram
2. Memo of Charges No. 1424/EPB3/13/LSGD daed 18.02.2013
3. Written Statement of Defence submitted by Sri. Mahalingeswara Sharma, former Secretary and Sri. Jayan P, Secretary, Chengala Grama Panchayat dated 17.05.2013 and 10.05.2013 respectively.
4. Letter No. D9-11590/13 dated 24.05.2016 from the Director of Panchayats, Thiruvananthapuram

ORDER

The Vigilance & Anti-Corruption Bureau conducted a surprise check under the caption 'Operation Gramam' at Chengala Grama Panchayat and noticed the following irregularities.

1. The General Administration and maintenance of office records are very poor.
2. Personal Cash Declaration Register is not maintained.
3. There is delay in crediting the amount related to NREG works paid to Bank, into the account of workers.
4. Temporary staff are appointed not as per norms and conditions contained in Circular No.79865/EA1/08/LSGD dated 02.03.2009
5. Meeting of Kadavu Committee is not convened properly.
6. There is violation of building rules in the construction of buildings vide file No.BA-112/01-02, BA-386/10-11 and BA-232/06-07.

As recommended by the Vigilance & Anti-Corruption Bureau disciplinary action for minor penalty has been initiated against Sri. P. Jayan and Sri. Mahalingeswara Sharma, former Secretaries of Chengala Grama Panchayat and Memo of Charges issued to the concerned as per 2nd paper read above.

Sri. Mahalingeswara Sharma in his written statement of defence has made the following:-

1. The maintenance of office records and general administration will be made correctly in future.
2. The personal cash declaration register was not able to maintain during that period. The same is now maintaining.

3. The delay in crediting the cheque No.129482 dated 24.12.2011 was not the mistake from the Secretary, but by the Bank or worker. The single cheque was issued for crediting the different NREGA workers wages, for this the receipt will be received and kept in future.
4. The temporary staff are appointed due to heavy work load in that office since then. They could not be terminated in time. Kindly consider and I will avoid such mistakes in future.
5. The meetings of the Kadavu Committee are held 28.02.2011, 30.05.2011, 03.09.2011, 25.02.2011 the President attended and signed. But the Minutes are not signed in the end. The Section Clerks are also not taken keen interest to close this.
6. (2) BA No.386/10-11 in this regard necessary notice has been given to the party to provide necessary parking area in to office/commercial building under construction. The shutter fixed for that rooms shall be removed. The violation will be cleared and further action will be taken by the present Secretary.

(3) BA No.232/06-07 the commercial building permit under this was renewed and given by me. But the first permit was given by Sri. Babayya, former Secretary. During that time the mistakes are not able to identified. Any how the building construction was completed not in my period. After completion of the same, on verification the mistakes are found and hence the building number was not issued. Necessary further action will be taken by the present Secretary.

Sri. P. Jayan, Secretary, Chengala Grama Panchayat in his Written Statement of Defence has stated that due to the heavy work and shortage of staff in the Chengala Grama Panchayat he could not maintain the register properly. Regarding file No.BA112/2001-02 the illegal construction were made well before his entry as Secretary, Chengala Grama Panchayat and regarding file No.BA.386/2010-11. The permit for the building was not given during his tenure as Secretary and moreover the building has been later regularized as per KMBR Rules.

On a perusal of the report of the Director of Panchayats it has been revealed that Sri. Mahalingeswara Sharma, former Secretary was responsible for the illegal constructions found in file No.386/10-11 and BA232/06-07 and supervisory lapses in maintaining register can be attributed to Sri. P. Jayan, Secretary.

In the above circumstances Government have decided to finalize the disciplinary action against Sri. P. Jayan, former Secretary, Chengala Grama Panchayat by awarding with 'censure' and in respect of Sri. Mahalingeswara Sharma, former Secretary, Chengala Grama Panchayat by barring one increment without cumulative effect for a period of one year. The Director of Panchayats will take further necessary action in the matter.

(By Order of the Governor)
S. MOHANDAS
Joint Secretary to Government

To,

1. The persons concerned, Chengala Grama Panchayat
(Through the Director of Panchayats, Thiruvananthapuram)
2. The Director of Panchayats, Thiruvananthapuram.
3. The Director, Vigilance & Anti-Corruption Bureau, Thiruvananthapuram.
4. The Accountant General (A&E/Audit), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram/Thrissur.
5. The Deputy Director of Panchayats, Kasargod
- ✓ 6. The Director, IKM, Thiruvananthapuram
7. The Vigilance Department (U.O. Remarks No.2543/D1/2017/Vig. dt.13.03.2017)
8. Web & New Media, South Block, Govt. Secretariat, Tvpm.
9. The Stock File/ Office Copy. (File No.1424/EPB3/2013/LSGD)

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