



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Local Self Government Department – Panchayat Establishment – Disciplinary action against Sri. David P. John, Junior Superintendent, Erumeli Grama Panchayat – Formal Enquiry – Assistant-Director of Panchayats, Kottayam – Appointed as Enquiry Officer – Orders issued.

LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT (EPB) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.787/2019/LSGD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 01/04/2019

Read 1 Letter No.E5 (VE1/2011/KTM)3433/2011 dated 04.11.2011 from the

Director, Vigilance & Anti-Corruption Bureau, Thiruvananthapuram.

- 2 Memo of Charges No.72638/EPB2/2011/LSGD dated 22.02.2012
- 3 Written Statement of Defence dated 17.03.2015 submitted by Sri. David P. John
- 4 Show Cause Notice No.72638/EPB2/2011/LSGD dated 02.11.2017
- 5 Written Statement of Defence dated 30.06.2018 submitted by Sri. David P. John

ORDER

A Surprise Check was conducted in Erumeli Grama Panchayat by the Director, Vigilance & Anti Corruption Bureau on the allegation that the officials had prepared false records and withdrawn money from the treasury for making payments for various projects. When the money was withdrawn from the treasury, the projects were not completed. During the Vigilance Enquiry the following irregularities were revealed:

The Officials has prepared false records and withdrawn money from the treasury for making payments for the projects and later they paid the money to the concerned after completing the projects. Till that period the money drawn from the treasury was kept in the Grama Sabha. The projects executed by the Panchayat were in File No. 348/10, 126/10, 325/10, 316/10, 346/10, 324/10, 314/10, 347/10 and 315/10. During the course of enquiry the Enquiry Officer had verified the stages of the projects. It is understood that, though the money had been drawn much earlier from the treasury, the payments had been effected to the parties only after the completion of the projects. In the case of the Project No. 324/10, the Enquiry Officer found that there was an excess payment of Rs. 12,827/- towards the cost of materials.

Accordingly as per 2nd paper read above Memo of Charges for minor penalty was issued to Sri. David P. John, former Junior Superintendent, Erumeli Grama Panchayat for the above said irregularities. But the Director of Panchayats has reported that Sri. David P. John was retired from the Service on 31.07.2015 and hence action cannot be continued as contemplated in the Memo of Charges. So the Government have decided to initiate action against Sri. David P. John by invoking Rule 3 of Part III KSRs and has tentatively decided to deduct an amount of Rs. 500/- from your monthly pension for a period of 3 years and Show Cause Notice was issued to him as per 4th paper read above and he submitted Written Statement of Defence read as 5th paper read above.

On examination of the contentions raised in the Written Statement of Defence it is understood that formal enquiry is necessary on the issue to come up the final decision. Government are therefore pleased to appoint Shri.Shafequ.P.M, Assistant Director of Panchayats, Kottayam to conduct a formal enquiry in the matter. He shall submit report to Government with in 15 days.

(By order of the Governor)
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ADDITIONAL SECRETARY

To:

1. Assistant Director of Panchayats, Kottayam

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