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Abstract

Local Self Government – Panchayat Department – Common Order dated 10.09.2021 in OA (EKM) 1003/21 filed by Smt. Rajitha K.B. and 4 other OA.s before the Hon'ble Kerala Administrative Tribunal - Complied with - Modified Orders issued.

LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT (EPA) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.2561/2021/LSGD Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 14/12/2021

- Read 1. Common Order dated 10.09.2021 in OA (EKM) 1003,1106, 1111,1115 & 1124 of 2021 before the Hon'ble Kerala Administrative Tribunal.
 - 2. Government Letter No.120/EPA1/15/LSGD dated 24.07.2018
 - 3. G.O.(Rt) No. 2156/2021/LSGD dated 01.11.2021.

ORDER

Smt. Rajitha K.B, Sri.Abdul Sameer Ulladan, Smt. Lipina Raj, Smt. Reshma K. and Sri. Renjith R. Nair, who are included in the Rank list published by the Kerala Public Service Commission in the category of L.D. Typist, filed OA (EKM) 1003/21, OA (EKM) 1115/21, OA (EKM) 1106/21, OA (EKM)1111/21 & OA (EKM) 1124/21 respectively before the Hon'ble Kerala Administrative Tribunal with a prayer to create posts of LD Typists in Grama Panchayats in the Department of Panchayats.

2. The Hon'ble Kerala Administrative Tribunal as per common order read as 1st paper above, given direction to the first respondent i.e., the Government to consider Annexure A2 and Annexure A3 letters of the Director of Panchayats and to take an appropriate decision on the request made for creation of new posts of L.D.Typist at various Panchayats and at any rate a final decision shall be taken within a period of 3 months from the date of

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receipt of a copy of the order.

- 3. Government have already examined Annexure A2 and Annexure A3 letters in detail and rejected the request to create posts of L.D Typist at various Panchayats as per reference read as second paper above on the following reasons. The service of Temporary Appointees, Technical Assistants and Data Entry Operators are available in every Grama Panchayats in the State and the combined service of Technical Assistants, Data Entry Operators and L.D Typist is not exigent in the Gramapanchayats. When the e-office system is being fully functioned in the Department of Panchayats, the Service of L.D Typists will become irrelevant and will become a mere liability without being able to provide any additional services to the public. With the implementation of e-governance by the State Government and expeditious steps are being taken to implement the e-office system in all the Departments of the State, with the full functioning of the Panchayat Department and the e-office system. the clerk in the Panchayats will be able to do the typing work themselves.
- 4. As a policy matter, Government prefers officers with computer knowledge and data entry skills rather than typist posts. In addition, the Government is focusing on identifying additional posts in each department and filling the vacancies through redeployment instead of creating more new posts as the state Government has decided to implement the e-governance system all over the state. Although the salaries and allowances of the employees of the Panchayat Department are met from their own funds of the Panchayat, as not all the Panchayats have adequate own funds, the creation of posts will impose additional financial burden on the Panchayats.
- 5. In the light of the facts and circumstances as detailed above, the request made in Annexure A2 and Annexure A3 letters of the Director of Panchayats was already rejected. Hence the request made in in OA (EKM) 1003/21 filed by Smt. Rajitha K.B., OA (EKM) 1106/21 filed by Smt. Lipina Raj. OA (EKM) 1111/21 filed by Smt. Reshma K, OA (EKM)1115/21 filed by Sri. Abdul Sameer Ulladan & OA (EKM) 1124/21 filed by Sri. Renjith R Nair for the creation of posts of LD Typists in various Grama Panchayaths under the Department of Panchayaths cannot be considered favorably and is hereby declined.
- 6. Government Order read as 3 rd paper above stands modified to that extent.

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(By order of the Governor) Shija C G Deputy Secretary

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