

**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA****Abstract**

Local Self Government Department- Final order in OA(EKM)1296/2024 filed by Smt.Bindu N.V, Personal Assistant to Secretary, Cochin Corporation before the Hon'ble Kerala Administrative Tribunal- complied with-Orders issued

LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT(EU)DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.2343/2025/LSGD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 25-09-2025

Read 1 Appeal submitted by Smt.Bindu N.V, Personal Assistant to Secretary, Cochin Corporation dated 31.08.2024(Annexure A6).

2 Order dated 01.10.2024 in OA(EKM)1296/2024 filed by Smt.Bindu N.V, Personal Assistant to Secretary, Cochin Corporation, before the Hon'ble Kerala Administrative Tribunal.

3 Letter No. LSGD/PD/37357/2024-LL1 from the Principal Director, LSGD dated 16.11.2024.

ORDER

As per appeal read as 1st paper above, Smt.Bindu N.V, Personal Assistant to Secretary, Cochin Corporation has requested to quash or set aside the transfer order dated 20.08.2024 issued by the Principal Director, LSGD, whereby the applicant was transferred from Kochi Municipal Corporation to Okkal Grama Panchayat. She also filed OA(EKM)1296/2024 before the Hon'ble Kerala Administrative Tribunal with the same plea. The Hon'ble Tribunal, as per order read as 2nd paper above, has directed the 1st Respondent (Government) to consider and pass orders on Annexure A6 appeal, if necessary after affording personal hearing to the applicant and others who will be affected by such decision and to issue orders within a period of one month from the date of receipt of a copy of the order. It is also ordered that, the applicant shall not be relieved from the present station wherein she is now working till such orders are passed.

2. In compliance with the direction of the Hon. Kerala Administrative Tribunal, Smt.Bindu N.V and Smt.Latha.M(affected party) were heard by the Under Secretary to Government, Local Self Government Department on 14.11.2024 and 12.02.2025 respectively.

3. During the hearing Smt.Bindu N.V submitted that she was working

as Revenue Officer Grade-II in Cochin Corporation till 24.02.2021 and then promoted and transferred to Kottayam Municipality and again transferred to Thrissur Corporation on 31.08.2022 and worked there till 17.03.2024. Then she got promoted as PA/RO/AO/CS and appointed in Cochin Corporation on 18.03.2024. Then as part of general transfer she was transferred to Okkal Grama Panchayat vide Annexure A5 order. She submitted that she could not travel as she is suffering from cervical spondylitis. And that she is undergoing treatment for the above health condition. She added that her aged mother and daughters need her presence and attention and hence requested to accommodate her in the additional sanctioned post of Accounts Officer in Cochin Corporation.

4. During hearing, Smt.Latha M has informed that the Hon'ble Tribunal has stayed the general transfer order dated 20.08.2024 of the Principal Director and hence Sri.Salim P.V, who was substituted for Smt.Bindu N.V, need to be relieved. The Corporation Secretary imparted injustice and she had to go through a lot of hardships. The Secretary and the petitioner misled the Council in taking decision not to join her in Corporation. She submits that Smt.Bindu N.V was served in the Cochin Corporation during long period of her service. She requested to appoint her in Cochin Corporation or any LSGI in Thiruvananthapuram district as she resides in Thiruvananthapuram.

5. As per letter read as 3rd paper above, the Principal Director, LSGD reported that, Smt.Bindu N.V has been appointed in the post of PA to Secretary, Cochin Corporation vide order dated 16.03.2024 on the condition that the said appointment will be reviewed during general transfer , 2024 and if it is necessary to appoint her in another station she will not be entitled to continue in the present station. As per the general transfer order dated 20.08.2024, Smt.Bindu was transferred to Okkal Grama Panchayat being the junior most and she was substituted with Sri.Salim P.V. Smt.Bindu R was also appointed as Deputy Corporation Secretary in the vacancy resultant to the superannuation to Sri.Mathew K.A. As per G.O (Ms) No.272/2022/LSGD dated 22.12.2022, each posts of Accounts Officer has been sanctioned to the 6 Corporations. Subsequently Smt.Latha K.M was promoted and posted in Cochin Corporation vide order dated 29.09.2024. The Corporation Secretary reported that Sri.Salim P.V joined in the Corporation, but Smt.Bindu N.V was not relieved and but retained in the same Accounts Officer position in the Corporation. Smt.Bindu R appointed vide general transfer order joined on 01.10.2024. As per the report of Additional Secretary, Corporation, the Council vide resolution dated 17.10.2024, has decided not to join Smt.Latha M, as there is no vacancy due to the appointment of Sri.Salim P.V as Deputy Secretary and

Smt.Bindu N.V retained in the existing vacancy. The newly promoted Smt.Latha.M has been appointed in Kottayam Municipality on 02.11.2024. The Principal Director,LSGD also reported that there was lapses in this regard from the side of Corporation Secretary.

6. Government have examined the case in detail with the report of the Principal Director, LSGD and permission is granted to allow Smt.Bindu N.V to continue in the present station, Kochi Municipal Corporation in view of the coming LSGI elections. The Principal Director is directed to consider the request of Smt.Latha M to post her in any LSGI in Thiruvananthapuram district as and when vacancy occurs and as per existing guidelines.

7. The direction contained in the Order dated 01.10. 2024 of Hon. Kerala Administrative Tribunal in OA No.1296/2024 is thus complied with.

(By order of the Governor)
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JOINT SECRETARY

To:

The Principal Director, LSGD, Thiruvananthapuram

The Advocate General, Kerala, Ernakulam (with C/L)

Smt.Bindu N.V, Personal Assistant to Secretary, Cochin Corporation
(Through Principal Director,LSGD)

Smt.Latha.M, District Empowerment Officer, Kottayam(through
Principal Director)

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