





No. 40395/RC2/2014/LSGD

Local Self Govt. (RC) Department, Thiruvananthapuram, Dated: 19.10.2014.

## **CIRCULAR**

Sub: Local Self Government Department - Allegation of irregularities in collecting tax in respect of Mobile Tower in a Municipality - Vigilance recommendation - Reg.

Ref: Letter No. 2361/D1/2014/Vig dated 21.4.2014 from Vigilance Department.

The Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Bureau had conducted a Surprise Check based on a source report on the allegation with regard to the officials of a Municipal Office, permitting to construct unauthorized Mobile Towers in the Municipal limits without collecting permit fee, building tax etc for the undue pecuniary benefits of the officials as well as Mobile companies.

The Vigilance Department has recommended against suspect officers to find out the actual loss incurred to the Municipality by allowing illegal Mobile towers and to take action for conducting a special drive by LSGD and Urban Affairs Department for collecting the due fee/tax with arrears from the mobile companies since there is every chance for similar practices in all Corporations/Municipalities/ Gramapachanyats.

In the light of the recommendations of the Vigilance Department, all the Local Self Government Institutions are directed to conduct a special drive identifying such unauthorised construction and for collecting the due fee/tax with arrears from the mobile towers within such limits as may be applicable in the respective areas.

James Varghese Principal Secretary.

To

The Director of Vigilance & Anti-Corruption Bureau, Thiruvananthapuram - vide letter No. E12 (Sc28/2013/WRK)3633/14 dated 7.2.2014 (for information)

The Director of Panchayat, Thiruvananthapuram \(\) for urgent necessary

The Director of Urban Affairs, Thiruvananthapuram action.

Revenue Department/Industries Department

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