

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA Abstract

Local Self Government Department - Urban Affairs - Establishment - Vigilance Case No VC 15/2016/SCE - Conduct of smooth investigation - Shri.R.Lalu, Secretary, Thrissur Corporation - Suspended - Orders issued.

LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT (E.U.) DEPARTMENT G.O.(Rt).No: 3134/2016/LSGD Dated, Thiruvananthapuram,18/11/2016.

Read:- Letter No.E.26(VC 15/2016/SCE/Urban Affairs) 15609/2016 dated 13.10.2016 from the Director, Vigilance & Anti-Corruption Bureau, Thiruvananthapuram.

ORDER

Vigilance & Anti-Corruption Bureau conducted a Quick Verification (QV 09/2016/SCE) on the sale of landed properties owned by Greater Cochin Development Authority at a price very lower than that of the market price of lands. The allegation is that an extent of 20 cents of land in Survey No.1002 and 1013 /1 of Ernakulam Village owned by the GCDA was sold by the authorities of Greater Cochin Development Authority Rs.15,30,000/- per cent on 25/08/2014 where as its basic price fixed by its General Council and Executive Committee @ Rs. 20,00,000/- and later reduced to Rs.18,00,000/-. That an extent of 20 cents of land in survey.No. 1.044/9 of Ernakulam Village owned by Greater Cochin Development Authority was sold @ Rs. 12,30,000/- per cent on 20/08/2015, where as its basic price finalized by General Council and Executive Committee of GCDA as Rs.30,00,000/- per cent and later reduced to Rs.25,00,000/ per cent. That 20 cents of land in Survey No. 497/2 of Ernakulam Village was sold by GCDA (a) Rs 12,40,000/- per cent on 20/08/2015 where as its basic price was finalized by General Council and Executive Committee @ Rs.18,00,000/per cent and later reduced to Rs.16,00,000/-. In furtherance of criminal conspiracy the GCDA sold 45.83 cents of land in survey No.330/12 of Elamkulam Village to Sri. Abdul Rasheed, power of attorney holder of Sri.P.A.Nazeer @ Rs. 8,00,000/- per cent where as its market price reported by the estate officer as more than Rs.15,00,000/- per cent and the Senior Town Planner of Greater Cochin Development Authority as Rs.17,00,000/by fixing its basic price as Rs.7,57,589/- (fair value + 50%). However actual fair value + 50% was Rs.9,47,367/-. Thus the Greater Cochin Development Authority sustained a loss of total amount of Rs.7,92,47,000/-.

- 2. In the Quick Verification, it is revealed that the following persons criminally conspired among themselves and sold four landed properties during the period between June 2014 and April 2016 at a price lower than the market price fixed by the Greater Cochin Development Authority (GCDA) and by that reason the Greater Cochin Development Authority sustained a loss of Rs. 7,92,47,000/- (Rupees Seven Crores Ninty Two Lakhs Forty Seven Thousand only).
- 1) Shri.N.Venugopal, Former Chairman, Greater Cochin Development Authority.
- 2) Shri.R. Lalu, former Secretary, Greater Cochin Development Authority.
- 3) Shri.Akbar Badusha, former Executive Committee Member, Greater Cochin Development Authority
- 4) Shri.P.A.Abdul Rasheed, partner Blue One Realtors, 8D, Link Horizon, Marine Drive, Ernakulam.
- 3. Based on the findings in the Quick Verification, the Vigilance& Anti-Corruption Bureau registered a Vigilance case as VC 15/2016/SCE u/s 13(1) (d) r/w 13 (2) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and Section 120-B IPC on 17.08.2016 against the above mentioned persons.
- 4. Now the Director, Vigilance & Anti- Corruption Bureau in the letter read above has recommended to suspend Shri.R.Lalu, former Secretary, Greater Cochin Development Authority from service till the completion of investigation of the case, since there is chance to influence the witnesses of this case. The Director, Vigilance & Anti- Corruption Bureau has intimated that the other three accused persons are not public servants now.
- 5. Government have examined the report read above of the Director, Vigilance & Anti-Corruption Bureau along with the FIR and Special Report and are of the view that Shri.R.Lalu,Former Secretary, Greater Cochin Development Authority (now Secretary, Thrissur Corporation) should be suspended from service till the completion of the investigation of this case.
- 6. In the circumstances, Shri.R.Lalu, Former Secretary, Greater Cochin Development Authority (now Secretary, Thrissur Corporation) is hereby suspended from service with immediate effect under Rule 10 (1) (b) of Kerala Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1960 for the smooth conduct of the investigation in Vigilance Case No. VC 15/2016/SCE.

Shri.R.Lalu will be eligible for Subsistence Allowance under Rule 55 Part I Kerala Service Rules during the period of Suspension.

(By order of the Governor)
T.K.JOSE
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

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The Director, Vigilance & Anti-Corruption Bureau, Thiruvananthapuram.

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The Director of Urban Affairs, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Director, Kerala State Audit Department, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Principal Accountant General [(A&E)/(Audit)) Thrissur.

The Secretary, Greater Cochin Development Authority, Kochi.

The Secretary, Thrissur Corporation.

Shri.R.Lalu, Secretary, Thrissur Corporation (through the Director of Urban Affairs, Thiruvananthapuram)

The Information Officer, Web & New Media Division

The Executive Director, Information Kerala Mission, Thiruvananthapuram (for publishing this order in the website)

The Vigilance (D) Department (vide letter No.11305/D1/2016/Vig. dated 31.10.2016)

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Section Officer.