



**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**

**Abstract**

Local Self Government Department - Panchayat Establishment – Disciplinary action initiated against late Ramakrishnan, former Secretary Vattavada Grama Panchayat - Dropped - Orders issued.

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**LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT (EPB) DEPARTMENT**

G.O.(Rt) No.693/2018/LSGD

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 14.03.2018

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- Read: 1. Letter No. C2(VC 17/08/IDK)24331/08 dated, 11.02.2011 of the Director, Vigilance & Anti-Corruption Bureau, Thiruvananthapuram.  
2. Letter No.L.F.14672/S.S.4/2011 dated 26.09.2011 of the Director of Local Fund Audit Department, Thiruvananthapuram

**ORDER**

The Vigilance and Anti Corruption Bureau has conducted a surprise check at Vattavada Grama Panchayath and submitted report as per the 1<sup>st</sup> paper read above, on the basis of an allegation that late Ramakrishnan while working as the Secretary of Vattavada Grama Panchayath and there by being public servant had abused his official position as public servant, committed criminal misconduct and misappropriated Government Money to the tune of Rs. 6,01,676/- during the period from 12.08.2004 to 11.01.2005 without maintaining proper records. The investigation revealed that the Vattavada Grama Panchayat was maintaining two SB accounts namely SB account 265 and SB account 206. The SB Account 265 was a joint account operated by the Secretary and the President and it is meant for crediting SGRY Fund. The day to day expense, salary payment, etc. were met from the fund credited for SB Account 206. Amount from SGRY fund, were drawn based on the decision of the Panchayath Committee. The Secretary and President had drawn an amount of Rs.8,73,000/- from SGRY fund, based on the decision of the Panchayat Committee and credited the amount to SB Account 206. There was no irregularity in the transfer of such fund.

During the period between 12.08.2004 and 11.01.2005 the secretary had drawn an amount of Rs.11,15,097/- from Treasury Account (PD Account) Rs.50,000/- from SB Account 265 (SGRY fund) and Rs.3,12,588/- from SB Account 206 using cheques. The two Acquittance Registers showed that he had made payments to the tune of Rs.4,49,868/- out of Rs.14,77,685/- drawn from various accounts. There are no vouchers, receipts, bills, disbursement details, etc. For the payment of Rs.10,27,820/- The amount was misappropriated by him.

As the accused Ramakrishnan expired on 03.10.2009, no prosecution is possible. The Vigilance Department had recommended to a detailed auditing of accounts to fix the exact amount misappropriated by the accused officer. As per the recommendation of the

Vigilance Department, when the file was forwarded to the Audit Department that department as per the 2<sup>nd</sup> paper above has reported that the exact amount misappropriated by late Ramakrishnan could not be fixed due to the unavailability of records. It is also reported that the audit report of 2004-05 was already published on 7/3/2007 by analyzing the records available at the time of audit.

Hence, the Director of Panchayats has been directed to examine the Audit Report of 2004-05 and to report whether there is any adverse recommendations against late Ramakrishnan. In return, the Director of Panchayats has informed that there is an outstanding liability of Rs.1500/- against late Ramakrishnan as the charged fixed against him in the Local Fund Audit Report of 2005-06. Since Ramakrishnan was expired on 13.10.2009, it is not clear that whether the liability was informed him in due course. If it is not informed so, it is difficult to recoup the amount from his belongings.

Government have examined the matter in detail. Since it has been more than 10 years over, no disciplinary action may taken under Rule 3 (b) of KSR Part-III and as the outstanding liability is negligible the Government are pleased to release pensionary benefits and family pension and if there is no possibility to recover the amount, the same may be written off as per article 303(B)(iii) of KFC. In the above circumstances further action against the accused late Ramakrishnan may be dropped and orders issued accordingly. The Director of Panchayats will take necessary action in this matter.

(By Order of the Governor)

**PATSY STEPHEN**

Deputy Secretary to Government

To,

1. Nominees of late Ramakrishnan, former Secretary, Vattavada Grama Panchayat, Idukki  
(Through the Director of Panchayats, Thiruvananthapuram)
2. The Director of Panchayats, Thiruvananthapuram.
3. The Accountant General (A&E/Audit), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram/Thrissur.
4. The Director, Vigilance & Anti-Corruption Bureau, Thiruvananthapuram.
5. The Deputy Director of Panchayats, Idukki
6. The Director, IKM, Thiruvananthapuram
7. The Finance Department (Vide U.O. Remarks No.DEV-1/221/2017 dated 06.01.2018)
8. The Vigilance Department. (Vide U.O Remarks No.D3/266/2017/Vig. Dated 08.02.18)
9. Web & New Media, South Block, Govt. Secretariat, Thiruvananthapuram
10. The Stock File/ Office Copy (File No.EPB2/179/2017/LSGD)

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Section Officer