



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Local Self Government Department - Public Service - Case against Former Secretary, Greater Cochin Development Authority (GCDA), Kochi - Prosecution Sanction - Order issued

LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT (IA) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms)No.63/2025/LSGD Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 02-04-2025

Read 1. Letter No. VC 03/2017/EKM dated 13.04.2023 from the Superintendent of Police, Vigilance & Anti-Corruption Bureau, Central Range, Ernakulam.

2. Letter No. VC 03/2017/EKM1194/2017/DVACB dated 04.05.2023 from the Director, Vigilance & Anti-Corruption Bureau, Thiruvananthapuram.

ORDER

WHEREAS it has been disclosed from the records of investigation in VC 03/2017 of Vigilance & Anti-Corruption Bureau, Ernakulam that Sri. R. Lalu, S/o Raveendran, Nandanam, near Block Maram Junction, Puthenkulam P.O, Puthenkulam Village, Kollam while working as Secretary GCDA, Kochi, by abusing his official position as public servant connived and conspired with Sri. Simon Varghese, S/o Varghese, Flat No. 305, Sai Summit, ERG Road, near High Court, Ernakulam and launched a project named "Mundamveli Cage Fish Farming " without conducting any feasibility study and by violating tender procedures and statutes selected Sri. Simon Varghese as the consultant to the project. Later on 03.07.2015 an agreement was signed between Sri. R.Lalu and the said Sri. Simon varghese with the provision for loss liability fixed on GCDA and released an advance amount of Rs. 10,80,000/- to Sri. Simon Varghese. Later Sri. Simon Varghese reported to the Secretary that the fishes he bought from Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Aquaculture (RGCA) by using Rs. 10,80,000/- were dead due to overgrowth. Without doing anything to check the veracity of the claim of Sri. Simon Varghese, the Secretary GCDA, Shri. Lalu again sanctioned an amount of Rs. 5,00,000/- on 27.04.2016 and further by violating the

agreement conditions sanctioned another amount Rs. 50,000/- as a supervisory charge to Sri. Simon Varghese. Thereby the said Sri. Simon Varghese had obtained undue pecuniary advantage of a total amount of Rs. 16,30,000/- and Greater Cochin Development Authority had sustained corresponding loss;

AND WHEREAS the above mentioned acts and omissions on the part of the said Sri. R. Lalu and Sri. Simon Varghese, amount to offence punishable U/s 13(2) r/w 13(1) (d) of Prevention of Corruption Act 1988 and Section 120(B) IPC;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Kerala being the authority competent to remove Sri. R. Lalu from his office after fully and carefully examining the materials before it in regard to the said allegation and their circumstances of the case, and also applying mind, consider that the said Sri. R. Lalu should be prosecuted before a court of law for the said offences along with Sri. Simon Varghese;

NOW, THEREFORE, Government of Kerala do hereby accord sanction required under 19(1) (b) of the Prevention of Corruption Act 1988, for the prosecution of the said Sri. R. Lalu for the said offence and any other offences punishable under other provisions of law in respect of the acts aforesaid and for taking cognizance of the said offences by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(By order of the Governor)
DR SHARMILA MARY JOSEPH
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

To:

Director of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Bureau,
Thiruvananthapuram

Superintendent of Police, Office of the Vigilance and Anti-Corruption
Bureau, Central Range, Ernakulam

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Signed by

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Section Officer

