

## **GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**

## **Abstract**

LSGD-OA(Ekm)No.108/2025 filed by Smt.Archana.S, temporary Technical Assistant, Kondazhy Grama Panchayat - Final Order by the Hon'ble Kerala Administrative Tribunal - Complied with - Orders issued.

## LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT(DD)DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.894/2025/LSGD Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 03-04-2025

- Read 1. Letter No D4/193/21/Vig dated 29/10/24 from the Vigilance department.
  - 2. Letter No.DD2/287/2024/LSGD dated 26.12.2024
  - 3. Representation dated 04.01.2025 from Smt. Archana S., Technical Assistant, Kondazhi Gramapanchayat
  - 4. Order dated 21.01.2025 of the Hon'ble KAT in O.A(Ekm)No.108/2025
  - 5. Letter No. D4/193/2021-Vig dated 17.03.2025 from the Vigilance Department

## **ORDER**

The Vigilance and Anti Corruption Bureau (VACB) has registered and is investigating the case No.VC 07/2024/TSR regarding alleged irregularities in implementation of MGNREGS in Kondazhi Grama Panchayat of Thrissur District. In view of the fact pointed out by the Director, VACB that if the accused person is allowed to continue in service it may cause influencing witnesses and tampering with evidence, Government had directed the Secretary. Kondazhy Grama Panchayat to take necessary action to keep out Smt. Archana S, one of the accused in the Vigilance case, from the service of Technical Assistant(contract basis) in the Panchayat, until completion of the investigation.

2. Subsequent to her suspension, Smt. Archana S. had submitted a representation, read as 3rd paper above, before the Government requesting to reinstate her in service on sympathetic grounds. While the said representation was under consideration by the Government, she

filed an application before the Hon'ble Kerala Administrative Tribunal regarding the issue which was disposed by the Hon'ble KAT as per the order read as 4<sup>th</sup> paper above which contains the following direction:

"Accordingly the Original Application is disposed of with a direction to the 3rd respondent to consider and pass orders on Annexure A6 representation submitted within a period of one month from the date of receipt of copy of the order."

- 3.In compliance with the direction of the Hon'ble Court, Government have examined the representation read as 3rd paper above in consultation with the Vigilance department in Government. The VACB Director opined that it would be appropriate to keep away Smt. Archana from her post until completion of the investigation in the case, as her engagement in the said post in the Panchayat office will enhance the possibility of influencing witnesses in the case and tampering with evidence.
- 4. In the circumstances, Government is of the view that the representation, read as 3rd paper above, submitted by Smt. Archana S. can not be accepted and hence the same is rejected. The order of the Hon'ble Kerala Administrative Tribunal, read as 4<sup>th</sup> paper above is thus complied with.

(By order of the Governor) SHEEJA R S JOINT SECRETARY

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