



Government of Jammu and Kashmir  
Public Works (R&B) Department  
Civil Secretariat, Jammu

Subject: Initiation of Regular Departmental Action against Er.Sourav Singh the then JE, PW(R&B) Division Kathua, Sh.Ganesh Kumar, the then Works Supervisor, PW(R&B) Division Kathua, Er. Bharat Gupta, the then Assistant Executive Engineer, R&B Division Kathua, Er. Parshotam Kumar, the then Executive Engineer PW(R&B) Division Kathua(JSC-SK-03/2015).

Government Order No: 130 PW(R&B) of 2021

Dated: 31 .03.2021

Whereas, the General Administration Department vide O.M.No.GAD(Vig)39-RDA/ 2017 dated 21.06.2017 has forwarded copy of communication No.VO-SK-JSC-03/2015-6394-95 dated 31.03.2017 of State Vigilance Commission (now ACB) alongwith other relevant papers against the above officers/officials of PW(R&B) Division Kathua for initiation of Regular Departmental Action in accordance with the J&K CS(CCA) Rules, 1956 with regard to use of sub-standard material and laying of 15 to 20 mm layer of premix coal tar in place of approved premix layer of 75 mm etc for widening of road Nagri-Palli under NH 44.

Whereas, the Article of Charges/Statement of Imputation was served to the above accused officers/officials through Chief Engineer, PW(R&B) Department, Jammu vide letter No. PW(R&B) HRM/36/2017-Vig dated 12.09.2017.

Whereas, all the above officers/officials submitted their reply of article of charges and subsequently vide Government Order No.19-PW(R&B) of 2018 dated 11.01.2018, a committee headed by Er. Mohamamd Ashraf Gilkar, I/c Superintending Engineer, SQC, PMGSY, Jammu was constituted for enquiring into the matter.

Whereas, the case was examined and accordingly closed vide Government Order No.415-PW (R&B) of 2018 dated 23.07.2018. However, the General Administration Department did not accepted the same and advised to appoint a fresh Inquiry Officer in supersession of the Inquiry Committee, to conduct enquiry proceedings into the charges served to the 04 officers/officials vis-à-vis their response as per the CCA rules alongwith appointment of a Presenting Officer vide communication No.GAD(Vig)39-RDA/2017 dated 31.01.2020.

Whereas, in supersession of all previous orders on the subject, Er.Ravinder Kumar Mansotra, I/c superintending Engineer, PW(R&B) Circle Jammu-Samba-Kathua and Er.Rajan Gupta, Executive Engineer, Division Kathua were appointed as Inquiry Officer and Presenting Officer in the matter vide Government Order No. 109-PW(R&B) of 2020 dated 10.03.2020.

Whereas, the Inquiry Officer vide Communication No. SEJ/ADM/3495-96 dated 07.08.2020 submitted the report wherein he expressed that said road has been widened and upgraded by the GREF/BRO authorities, and the physical status of the road has been altered due to the double lane specifications. The findings of the earlier committee which stands submitted are to be relied upon which state that "surface condition of the road

even after lapse of more than two years is fair enough with no signs of any sort of failure, chipping, striping and rutting etc" all along the improved length of the road. The previous enquiry report may be considered for arriving at final conclusion in which they also recommended to drop the RDA proceeding against the above officials/officers. On the facts/findings it is concluded that the allegations regarding the use of sub-standard material and lack of supervision are not tenable as the test reports are within the permissible quality parameters of the IRC Code for execution of SDBC. There is no negligence/lack of supervision/use of Sub-standard material by the delinquent officers/officials and recommended that the RDA proceeding against them may be dropped.

Whereas, the case was examined in the department and referred to the Development Commissioner (Works) PW (R&B) Department for comments/opinion.

Whereas, the Development Commissioner (Works) has endorsed the views of Inquiry Officer in respect of the charges leveled against the delinquent engineers, which are based on facts, norms and standards and recommended that the Regular Departmental Action proceedings against the delinquent officers/officials may be dropped.

Now, therefore, in view of the above given position and by upholding the recommendations of Development Commissioner, the allegations levelled against Er.Sourav Singh the then JE, PW(R&B) Division Kathua, Sh.Ganesh Kumar, the then Works Supervisor, PW(R&B) Division Kathua, Er. Bharat Gupta, the then Assistant Executive Engineer, R&B Division Kathua, Er. Parshotam Kumar, the then Executive Engineer PW(R&B) Division Kathua are dropped and Regular Departmental Action is hereby closed.

By order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir

Sd/-

(Shailendra Kumar) IAS

Principal Secretary to the Government

Dated: 31.03.2021

No. PW(R&B) HRM/36/2017-Vig

Copy to the:-

1. Joint Secretary (J&K), Ministry of Home Affairs Government of India.
2. Commissioner/Secretary to the Government, General Administration Department. This is with the reference to his O.M.No.GAD(Vig)39-RDA/2017 dated 31.01.2020.
3. Development Commissioner (Works), PW(R&B) Department.
4. Director, Anti Corruption Bureau, J&K, Jammu.
5. Director Archives, Archaeology & Museum, J&K Jammu.
6. Chief Engineer, PW(R&B) Department, Jammu/Kashmir.
7. OSD to Advisor (B) to the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor.
8. Concerned officers/officials.
9. Private Secretary to Principal Secretary to the Government, Public Works (R&B) Department.
10. I/c Website.
11. Government Order file/Stock file.

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