

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

Subject: - Initiation of RDA against Shri Vinod Kumar Sawhney, then Xen, PWD, R&B, Kishtwar.

Reference:- Letter No. GAD(Vig) 03-RDA/2014 dated 10.01.2014 received from General Administration Department.

Government order No: 194-PW(R&B) of 2016

D a t e d: 24 -06-2016

Whereas, a complaint was received by the Vigilance Organization, wherein, it was alleged that Dool-Sheikhpura road has been constructed by Rural Development Department for which the payment has been made to the contractor/labour mate concerned and that the officers/officials of PW(R&B) Division, Kishtwar had allegedly drawn bills for the works which had already been executed by the RDD, Kishtwar; and

Whereas, a verification was initiated into the matter which revealed that link road to Dool via Sheikhpura was being looked after by the RDD before 1998 and some works i.e earth work, dry walling amounting to Rs. 2,56,504/- were executed during the year 1994-95 under Employment Assurance Scheme. Thereafter, this link road was handed over to PWD(R&B) Kistwar for further wok and as per record this road was maintained by PW(R&B) division from 1998 to 2002 under District Sector; and

Whereas, verification further revealed that a project for balance earth work (KM 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>), earth work in KM 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> RD 500, cross drainage works, shingling, metalling was prepared and submitted by PW(R&B) Division, Kishtwar to NABARD authorities for sanction. The NABARD authorities sanctioned an amount of Rs. 166.00 lacs for the project. The works were executed by PW(R&B) division, Kishtwar under NABARD funding which were found allotted to the contractors on agreement basis. The NIT notices were found issued by the then Ex. Engineer, PW(R&B) Division, Kistwar, but were not forwarded to the office of District information Officer, Doda for publishing; and

Whereas, the Vigilance Organization vide letter No. SVO/Veri-UD-48/2010-15757-59 dated 24.12.2013 forwarded the matter to General Administration Department and recommended regular departmental action against Shri Vinod Kumar Sawhney, the then Executive Engineer, PW(R&B) Kishtwar; and

Whereas, General Administration Department vide letter No:- GAD(Vig) 03-RDA/2014 dated 10.01.2014 referred the matter to this department along with Article of charges/ statement of imputation and gist of evidence for initiation of regular departmental action against the above mentioned Officer in accordance with the J&K, CCA, Rules, 1956; and



Whereas, the matter was examined in the department and article of charges alongwith statement of imputations were served upon the Shri Vinod Kumar Sawhney, the then Executive Engineer, PW(R&B) Kishtwar vide this department's letter dated 05.06.2015 through concerned Chief Engineer; and

Whereas, vide letter No. CEJ/Estab/3535 dated 17.03.2016 the Chief Engineer, R&B Department Jammu has intimated that Shri Vinod Kumar Sawhney, the then Executive Engineer, PW(R&B), Kishtwar superannuated on 31.10.2013 and expired on 03.05.2014 due to ill health; and

Whereas, the case was processed in accordance with the Article 108-BB and accordingly placed before the competent Authority for acceptance/approval of the closure of departmental proceedings against Shri Vinod Kumar Sawhney, the then Executive Engineer, PW(R&B) Kishtwarl; and

Now, therefore, in view of the above facts, the departmental proceedings against Shri Vinod Kumar Sawhney, then Executive Engineer, PW(R&B) Kishtwar are hereby closed in terms of Article 108-BB, J&K, Civil Services Volume-I.

## By order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.

Sd/-

(Rohit Kansal) IAS Commissioner/Secretary to Government Public Works (R&B) Department

No: - PW(R&B)HRM/06/2014-Vig Copy to the:-

- 1. Commissioner/Secretary to Government, General Administration Department.
- 2. Chief Engineer, PW(R&B) Department, Jammu for information and the relevant action thereof.
- 3. Private Secretary to Commissioner/Secretary to Government, PW(R&B) Department
- 4. PA to Special Secretary to Government, PW(R&B) Department

6. Concerned officers.

7. Govt. Order file (w.2.s.c)

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Deputy Secretary to Government