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

Subject:- Un-Authorised absence from duties by S. Punit Pal Singh, 1/C Assitant Executive Engineer (Mechanical), RTIC Jammu- suspension thereof.

Government Order No. 187-PW(R&B) of 2024

Dated: 10 -07-2024

Whereas, the Jal Shakti Department vide OM No. JSD-GS/60/2023-G-JSD (C.No. 7357665) dated 12.12.2023 forwarded the case of Sh. Punit Pal Singh, I/C Assistant Executive Engineer (Mechanical), RTIC Jammu for grant of permission for going abroad (USA) with family to attend function at his Sister's home (USA) in January, 2024;

And Whereas, the case was examined in the department and vide Government Order No. 08-PW(R&B) of 2024 dated 05.01.2024, sanction was accorded for grant of permission in favour of S.Punit Pal Singh, I/C Assistant Executive Engineer (Mech), Division RTIC Jammu to leave the country w.e.f. 03.01.2024 to 30.01.2024 to attend the function at his Sister's home in USA;

And Whereas, in terms of above order, the permission to visit outside country was subject to among other conditions to the condition, that he shall stick to the dates and earned leave shall not be extended beyond the specified date;

And Whereas, the sanctioned leave expired on 30.01.2024 and the said Engineer requested for extension of his leave during foreign visit, without any cogent reasons and is staying in U.S.A without any extension of leave;

And Whereas, the above named engineer has been found sending emails to this department frequently as well as to the Jal Shakti Department requesting for extension of his Earned leave beyond 31.01.2024 lastly upto 31.05.2024 without any cogent/reasons;

And Whereas, vide this department's OM No. even dated 29.04.2024, the Jal Shakti Department was requested to ask the concerned DDO not to release the salary of the said Engineer, till his period of absent from duties is decided by this department. Again, vide this department's OM dated 07.05.2024, the Jal Shakti Department was requested to intimate as to whether the said Assistant Executive Engineer has resumed his duties or otherwise;

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And Whereas, the Jal Shakti Department vide OM dated 04.06.2024 has endorsed the letter of CE, Jal Shakti (RTIC) Jammu dated 22.5.2024, whereunder it was intimated that that salary of the concerned Assistant Executive Engineer (Mech) has not been drawn for the period of absence from duty w.e.f 01.02.2024 onwards and that he has not resumed his duties till date;

And Whereas, the request for extension of leave of the engineer was examined in the department and Notices were issued to him (via email) by this department on 22.04.2024 and 20.05.2024, with the advise to resume duties immediately, failing which strict action as warranted under rules shall be initiated against him under Article 128 of J&K CSR-Vol-II which may involve loss of appointment;

And Whereas, no further extension in leave has been granted to the engineer beyond 30.01.2024 and he is still unauthorizedly absent from duties till date;

And Whereas, the engineer in question has been given sufficient opportunities to resume his duties for which notices were also served upon him but as reported by the Jal Shakti Department, the said Assistant Executive Engineer (Mech.) has not resumed his duties till date;

Now, therefore, in terms of Rule 31 of the J&K Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1956, Sh. Punit Pal Singh, I/C Assistant Executive Engineer (Mechanical), Mechanical Division RTIC Jammu (Jal Shakti Department) is hereby placed under suspension with immediate effect for his un-authorized absence from duties.

By Order of the Government of Jammu & Kashmir

Sd/-

(Bhupinder Kumar) IAS
Secretary to the Government
Public Works (R&B) Department
Dated: (D.07.2024)

No: PWD-GAZZ/300/2023-05 (CC- 7362449) Copy to the:-

- 1. Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary), Jal Shakti Department.
- Principal Secretary to the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor.
- 3. Joint Secretary (J&K), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi
- 4. Director Archives, Archeology and Museums, J&K.
- 5. Chief Engineer, (RTIC Jal Shakti Department), Canal Road Jammu.
- OSD to Advisor (B) to the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor.
- 7. Private Secretary to the Secretary to Government, Public Works (R&B) Department.
- 8. Concerned Officer.
- 9. In-Charge Website, PW (R&B) Department.

10. Government Order file (W.3.s,c,s).

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Deputy Secretary to the Government

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