

Government of Jammu & Kashmir
Housing & Urban Development Department
Civil Secretariat: Jammu/Srinagar.

Subject:- Regular Departmental Action against Sh. Santosh Kotwal, the then Executive Officer, MC Samba

Government Order No: 60-JK(HUD) of 2022
Dated: 26.04.2022

Whereas, General Administration Department vide O.M No. GAD (Vig) 41-RDA/2015 dated 29.06.2015 recommended initiation of Regular Departmental Action against Sh. Santosh Kotwal, the then Executive Officer MC, Samba;

Whereas, the case was examined in the Department and vide this Department letter vide no. HUD/LSG/ULBJ/134/2015 dated 17.09.2015, Memorandum/ Articles of charges were served upon the delinquent officer namely Shri Santosh Kotwal, the then Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Samba who was also directed to submit the written statement of defence, within 21 days after the receipt of these charges;

Whereas, Shri Santosh Kotwal, the then Executive Officer, MC, Samba submitted the statement of defence on 10.10.2015 and the same was examined in the Department and accordingly, the Director Urban Local Bodies, Jammu vide letter dated 09.12.2015 was requested to appoint an inquiry Officer in the matter;

Whereas, Director Urban Local Bodies, Jammu appointed Sh. S.K. Wali, the then Executive Engineer, Local Bodies, Division-1 Jammu and Sh. Amarjit Singh, the then AEE, Sub-Division, Kathua as Inquiry Officer who were directed to submit recommendations/ findings in the matter.

Whereas, the recommendations of the inquiry officers were received in the Administrative Department vide letter no. DULBJ/2017/13330 dated 13.12.2017. Perusal of the enquiry report and the reply filed by the delinquent, reveals that the charge against Sh. Santosh Kotwal was that he had recommended the case for release of wages in favour of Mr. Yousuf Masih for the period he was absent from duty (March, 2012 to December, 2012) to Director Urban Local Bodies, Jammu which has not been denied by the delinquent Officer, in his reply. Further, Director, Urban Local Bodies, Jammu has reported that the salary has not been drawn in favour of

Mr. Yousuf Masih for the period he was absent from duty and there is no loss to the exchequer of Municipal Council, Samba.

Whereas, the matter has been examined in light of the aforesaid and in terms of provision of the Jammu and Kashmir CCA Rules, 1956 and the Competent Authority has approved for censuring the delinquent Officer. Now, therefore, sanction is hereby accorded to the grant of penalty i.e. "Censure", in terms of Rule-30 (i) of Jammu and Kashmir, Civil services, Classifications (Control) Appeal Rule, 1956 in favour of Mr. Santosh Kotwal, the then Executive Officer Municipal Committee, Samba who has without proper verification recommended the case of Mr. Yousuf Masih, for release of wages during the period he remained absent from duties in Municipal Council, Samb.

By order of the Government of Jammu & Kashmir.

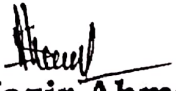
Sd/-
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