Government of Jammu and Kashmir School Education Department Civil Secretariat, Jammu/Srinagar

Subject:

Initiation of Regular Departmental Action against S/Shri 1) Natha Ram Dingra, S/o Amar Nath, R/o H.No. 237 Lane No. 5 Ekta Vihar Kunjwari, Tehsil Bahu, District Jammu (retired CEO Jammu), 2) Vishvanath, S/o Nandu Ram, R/o Burj Khandain, then Tehsil jammu now Tehsil Marh, District Jammu (retired ZEO Marh), 3) Puran Singh, S/o Ganda Singh, R/o Derian Akhnoor now Tehsil Khour and District Jammu (retired ZEO Arnia), 4) Smt. Nasreen Kouser, W/o Fareed Ahmad, R/o H.No. C-33 Marble market Trikuta Nagar, Jammu Tehsil and District Jammu (retired ZEO Satwari).

Reference: U.O. No. GAD(Vig)141-RDA/2017, dated 09.05.2019 of General Administration Department.

Government Order No. 26 - Edu of 2019 Dated: 2019

Whereas, the General Administration Department vide O.M. No. GAD(Vig)141-RDA/2017, dated 28.12.2017, forwarded a report of Vigilance Organization bearing No. VO-FIR-27/2012-J-1499091, dated 07.09.2017, whereunder it was reported that the Vigilance Organization conducted investigation in case FIR No. 27/2012 P/S VOJ on allegations of purchase of Fire Extinguishers at exorbitant rates during the year 2010-2011 by the Purchase Committee of Education Department of District Jammu, headed by the then CEO Jammu Shri Natha Ram Dingra and other Committee members i.e., Shri Vishvanath, then ZEO, 3) Puran Singh, then ZEO, 4) Smt. Nasreen Kouser, then ZEO.

- 2. Whereas, it was further reported that the items were readily available in the market at various places resulting in utter confusion. The Purchase Committee for District Jammu adopted short-cut method by obtaining dasti quotations and after comparison issued supply orders and released payments on rates without ascertaining genuineness.
- 3. Whereas, the Vigilance Organization recommended initiation of Departmental Action against the delinquent officials; and
- 4. Whereas, the General Administration Department vide its above quoted O.M. also forwarded draft article of charges, statement of imputations and gist of evidences so received from Vigilance Organization for consideration of the recommendations of Vigilance Organization against the delinquent public servants;
- 5. Whereas, the Director, School Education, Jammu, was also requested to constitute an enquiry through a Senior Officer after serving the necessary charge-sheets to the delinquent officials and furnish the recommendations of the Inquiry Officer to the Administrative Department for proceeding further in the matter; and
- 6. Whereas, the Director, School Education, Jammu, appointed Sh. Mohammad Latief, KAS, Joint Director, School Education Department (Jammu-Samba-Kathua) as Inquiry Officer to conduct enquiry against the alleged delinquent officers.
- 7. Whereas, the Director, School Education, Jammu, further intimated that the Inquiry Officer has furnished his recommendation as under:

".... the charged officers have retired from Government services from the dates shown below against each and in terms of Artile 168-A of J&K CSR,

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Departmental Proceedings against the retired officers need sanction of the Government and shall be instituted before the officer's retirement or within a year from the date of retirement, as also referred in General Administration Department's O.M. No. GAD/Vig. 141-RDA/2017, dated 28.12.2017: -

1.	Sh. Puran Singh, Ex- ZEO	-	31.05.2011
2.	Nasreen Kouser, Ex-ZEO Satwari	-	31.01.2012
3.	Sh Vishwanath, Ex-ZEO Marh	-	30.04.2013
4.	Sh Natha Ram, Ex-I/C Joint Secretary	_	28.02.2014

8. Whereas, the case was referred to the General Administration Department vide U.O. No. Edu/GAZ-A/13/2018, dated 26.03.2019. The General Administration Department vide U.O. No. GAD(Vig)141-RDA/2017, dated 09.05.2019, advised as under: -

"... Regular Departmental Action against any of the officers involved in the instant case cannot be initiated at this stage as all the accused officers fall within the ambit of Article 168-A of the J&K CSRs keeping in view their dates of retirement and further advised to close the case with the approval of the Competent Authority."

9. Now, therefore, in view of the above, the case with regard to the Regular Departmental Action (in case FIR No. 27/2012 P/S VOJ) on the allegations of purchase of Fire Extinguishers at higher exorbitant rates during the year 2010-2011 against S/Shri 1) Natha Ram Dingra S/o Amar Nath R/o H.No. 237 Lane No. 5 Ekta Vihar Kunjwan, Tehsil Bahu, District Jammu (retired CEO Jammu), 2) Vishvanath S/o Nandu Ram R/o Burj Khandain, then Tehsil jammu now Tehsil Marh, District Jammu (retired ZEO Marh), 3) Puran Singh, S/o Ganda Singh, R/o Derian Akhnoor now Tehsil Khour, District Jammu (retired ZEO Arnia), and 4) Smt. Nasreen Kouser W/o Fareed Ahmad R/o H.No. C-33 Marble market Trikuta Nagar, Jammu Tehsil and District Jammu (retired ZEO Satwari) is hereby closed.

By order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.

Sd/-

(Sarita Chauhan) IAS
Commissioner/Secretary to the Government
School Education Department

Dated: 2 2 . 07 . 2019

No: Edu/GAZ-A/13/2018 Copy to the:

1. OSD to Advisor (G) to Advisor (G) to the Hon'ble Governor.

2. Director, School Education, Jammu.

3. Chief Education Officer concerned.

4. Private Secretary to Commissioner/Secretary to Government, School Education Department.

5. Concerned

6. Office Order file/Stock file.

(Sachin Jamwal) KAS

Deputy Secretary to the Government School Education Department