



Government of Jammu and Kashmir  
School Education Department  
Civil Secretariat, J&K

**Subject:-** Initiation of Regular Departmental Action against Shri Yogeshwar Raj Thusoo (retired CEO Doda), Hafizullah Salaria (retired DEPO) Ved Prakash (retired ZEO Bhalla), Nek Ram (A/P Principal HSS Kestigarh Doda), Hari Prakash (A/P Head Assistant CEO Office Doda), On Kar Singh Ran (retired as Master), Nisar Ahmad (retired ZEO Gundna Doda) Farooq Iqbal (A/P GPS Bijrani, Anayatullah (Head Assistant attached with CEO Office Doda), Mtr. Shaista Tabasum (A/P Principal HSS Girls Doda), Smt. Vinod Bala, the then ZEPO Doda (now retired), Omi Chand then Head Assistant (now retired) Irshad Ahmad attached with CEO Office Doda) (now retired) Mohammad Shafi Rishu District Doda, Mastr (now retired), Smt Zahida Khan, then Director School Education Jammu.

Government Order No.105-JK(Edu) of 2025  
Dated: 11.02.2025

WHEREAS, the instant Regular Departmental Action case which relates to allegation of purchasing of Fire Extinguishers at highly exorbitant rates during the year 2010-2011 by Purchase Committee of District Doda had been received by the Department from the General Administration Department vide O.M No. GAD(Vig)/42-RDA/2017 Dated 25.10.2017 whereunder they requested this Department to intimate date of retirement of officers / officials involved in the case;

AND WHEREAS, the matter was taken up with Director School Education, Jammu vide letter dated 22.12.2017 with the request to provide the requisite details as sought by the General Administration Department. In response, the Director School Education Jammu vide letter dated 03.01.2018 provided the requisite information which was accordingly forwarded to General Administration Department vide O.M No.Edu/Gaz-A/19/2018 dated 09.04.2018 for further necessary action;

AND WHEREAS, the General Administration Department again vide O.M dated 20.03.2018, forwarded a copy of letter No. VO-FIR-28/2012/J-1035 dated 18.01.2018 for consideration of the recommendations of the Vigilance Organization already conveyed vide O.M Dated 25.10.2018 as per J&K CS (CCA Rules), 1956. However, action in respect of retired Officers / officials be taken as per the mandate of Article 168-A of J&K CSRs with the approval of the disciplinary authority;

AND WHEREAS, the RDA case alongwith all documents was forwarded to the Director School Education, Jammu vide letter dated 16.05.2018 with the directions to serve charge sheet to the concerned officers / officials and furnish their replies to the Administrative Department for taking further necessary action in terms of J&K CCA

Rules, 1956. In response, the Director School Education, Jammu vide letter No. DSEJ/Gaz/5291, dated 12.11.2018 furnished replies submitted by the delinquent Officers / officials;

**AND WHEREAS**, after examination in the Department, vide this Department letter No. Edu/GAZ-A/133/2017, dated 27.12.2018, Director School Education, Jammu was requested to appoint an Inquiry Officer not below the rank of Joint Director to enquire the matter, who shall submit his report alongwith recommendations;

**AND WHEREAS**, vide letter No. DSEJ/GAZ/4452, dated 04.02.2021, the Director School Education, Jammu submitted the enquiry report of Inquiry Officer (H.R Pakhroo, Joint Director) for further course of action;

**AND WHEREAS**, the observations as well as the recommendations of the Inquiry Officer reproduced below, contained in his report submitted vide letter No. DSEJ/28976 Dated 07.01.2021 have been examined in the Department;

**Observations of Enquiry Officer:**

*On perusal of investigation record of VOJ, replies to Article of Charges by the delinquent officers/officials and other available record, it has been found that the then Director School Education Jammu, who was supposed to frame a proper Central Purchase Committee after proper deliberations at provincial level, has failed miserably to constitute the same and instead shifted her responsibility on the lower formations, that too without specifying the ways and means to proceed further, as observed in the findings of VOJ. The lower staff has been put to unnecessary pressure for strict compliance, setting unreasonable time-limits for purchase, procurement and installation of fire extinguishing equipment in the Schools.*

*Pertinent to mention that fire extinguishers are among such items which are not readily available in the market, resulting in utter chaos and confusion. In the backdrop of such a situation, Purchase Committee of District Doda adopted a short-cut method for purchase of fire extinguishers, and thereby, failed to ensure the compliance of proper codal formalities as envisaged in the J&K Financial Code and further guidelines therefor. This all, resulted in the purchase and procurement of fire extinguishers at in-genuine rates due to lack of proper market survey and inviting open tenders/exploring the possibility of repeat order of Government Departments for fire extinguishers during that financial year. Therefore, it has been established beyond doubt that District Purchase Committee(s) of District Doda, one headed by Sh. Yogeshwar Raj Thusoo, then CEO Doda, for purchase of fire extinguishers for District Doda and the other headed by Mtr. Shaista Tabasum, then ZEO Doda, for purchase of fire extinguishers for left over schools of Zone Doda, have acted in a lackadaisical manner, least caring for the observance of proper codal formalities, as required under rules, amounting to professional misconduct on their part.*

*However, one thing is explicitly clear, that the fire extinguishers were purchased, procured and physically installed in the Schools of District Doda as per the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, as is evident from subsequent compliance report filed therefor.*

As per available records it was found that only one (01) delinquent official namely Sh. Irshad Ahmed the then Jr. Asstt. ZEO office Doda is in government service as on date, as is evident from the following details:-

S.No	Name of the Officer	Date of Retirement	Remarks
1	Sh. Yogeshwar Raj Thusso then CEO Doda	30-09-2012	Retd.
2	Sh. Hafizullah Salaria then DEPO Doda	30-06-2010	Retd.
3	Sh. Nek Ram then Principal HSSG Doda	31-03-2018	Retd.
4	Sh. Mohd. Ayaz Iqbal then Sr. Lect. HSS Ghat	31-12-2023	Retd.
5	Sh. Ved Parkash then ZEO Bhalla	31-05-2012	Retd.
6	Sh. Nisar Ahmed then ZEO Gundna	31-05-2013	Retd.
7	Sh. Farooq Iqbal then Master attached in CEO Office Doda	30-11-2018	Retd.
8	Sh. Anayatullah then Head Assistant CEO office Doda	30-04-2017	Retd.
9	Sh. Hari Parkash then Head Assistant CEO Office Doda	31-12-2023	Retd.
10	Sh. Onkar Singh Rana then Master attached in CEO Office Doda	30-04-2011	Retd.
11	Mtr. Shaista Tabassum then ZEO Doda	31-07-2020	Retd.
12	Smt. Vinod Bala then ZEPO Doda	30-11-2011	Retd.
13	Sh. Omi Chand then Head Assistant ZEO Office Doda	30-11-2014	Retd.
14	Sh. Mohd. Shafi Rishu then I/c HM GMS Nagri	31-01-2012	Retd.
15	Sh. Irshad Ahmed then Jr.Asstt. ZEO Office Doda	28-02-2032	In service A/P Sr. Asstt. CEO office Doda
16	Mtr. Zahida Khan then Director School Education Jammu	Retired as DDC Kathua	Retd.

Also, as mentioned above, out of total 16 delinquent officers/officials only 03 are in service as on date, rest 13 have been retired (some as long as 10 years before) as shown in the table above, and also it is not clear whether mandatory sanction from the Competent Authority has been obtained or not for initiating departmental action against the retirees as required under Article 168-A of J&K CSR.

**Recommendations of Inquiry Officer:**

- All future substantive purchases and procurement's be made through Standing Divisional/UT Level Committee or through accredited/approved Government agencies.
- DDO(s) of School Education Department, be specifically sensitized to handle financial matters focusing Continuous Professional Development through suitably designed capacity building programmes from time to time; and level to level.
- In order to curb such happenings and tendencies, in future, clear-cut instructions be issued, and in default, deterrent action be taken in a time bound manner, as lapse of un-reasonable time, will weaken the spirit of PC Act.
- With the advice of Department of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs and other relevant quarters, the instant case may be closed considering the aforementioned facts and observations, in the interest of natural justice, if competent authority deems fit.

**AND WHEREAS,** with approval of the authorities, the matter was taken up with Department of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs for opinion who in turn vide U.O No. Law-Opn2/79/2023 Dated 12.07.2023 has advised as under:

“Perusal of the DNF reveals that the fire extinguishers were purchased, procured and physically installed in the Schools of District Doda as per the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. There appears to be procedural irregularity in installation of the fire extinguishers however the inquiry/recommendations made by the enquiry officer shows that in spite of the purchases nothing has been found against the delinquent officers and no malafides have been proved against them. The enquiry officer has not recommended anything against the delinquent officers/officials but has made certain general recommendations. Thus the inquiry report is required to be placed before the competent authority for decision in the matter.

The competent authority in its wisdom may accept the recommendations of the Inquiry Officer or may reject the same in view of its peculiar facts and circumstances of the case. The department is advised to proceed further in the matter accordingly.”

**AND WHEREAS**, the matter was further examined and in consultation with Accounts & Legal Section of the Department, the matter was placed before the competent authority who has decided to accept the enquiry report of the Inquiry Officer submitted vide letter No. DSEJ/28976 Dated 07.01.2021 and exonerate all the Officers / officials involved in the case;

**NOW THEREFORE**, keeping in view the aforementioned facts of the case, it is hereby ordered that the charges leveled against all the delinquent Officers / Officials involved in the case are hereby dropped and hence the Regular Departmental Action case is closed.

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


Sd/-  
(Shantmanu) IAS,  
Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary),  
School Education Department.

No. Edu-HRM/2/2022-01/110392

Dated: 11 -02.2025

Copy to the :-

1. Commissioner / Secretary to the Government, General Administration Department with the request to confirm the Action Taken of this Department contained in the order.
2. Joint Secretary J K & L, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.
3. Director, School Education, Jammu.
4. Director Anti Corruption Bureau, J&K, Jammu.
5. Director Archives, Archaeology and Museums, J&K.
6. Chief Education Officers concerned.
7. Private Secretary to Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary), School Education Department.
8. Incharge Website, School Education Department.
9. Government Orders file /Stock e-file.

  
(Masood Ahmad Wani)  
Deputy Secretary to the Government.



