



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

Subject: Complaint against the then ZEO Hardpanzo, Budgam (now look after Principal HSS Gogjipathri Budgam) and his associate data entry operator namely Fayaz Ahmad Para.

Government Order No. 169- JK(Edu) of 2025
Dated: 28.02.2025

WHEREAS, the Department received a complaint filed by Gh. Mohd Hazim, Social Activist against the then ZEO Hardpanzoo, Budgam (now look after Principal HSS Gogjipathri Budgam) and data entry Operator (contractual) namely Fayaz Ahmad Para regarding allegation of misappropriation of funds and embezzlement in scholarship of Gujjar Bakerwal, Pahari speaking students;

AND WHEREAS, accordingly the matter was taken up with Director School Education Kashmir and vide letter dated 17.02.2022, Director School Education Kashmir was requested to furnish the action taken report in the matter related to investigation against ZEO Hardpanzoo, Budgam and his associated data entry operator for misappropriation of funds and embezzlement in scholarship of Gujjar Bakerwal Pahari Speaking and meritorious students;

AND WHEREAS, the Director School Education Kashmir vide letter No. DSEK/IMW/7557805/3004-05 dated 19.11.2024 has intimated that Deputy Chief Education Officer Budgam was appointed as Inquiry Officer in the matter by the Directorate of School Education Kashmir who in response vide communication No. DyCEO/Chd/164 dated 17.06.2022 furnished his report alongwith with following recommendations:

"On the basis of inquiry the complaint appears based on facts, however, funds drawn from treasury have been Edu-GEN/149/2022-01-SCHOOL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT I/503337/2025 disbursed in favour of cooks as honorarium thereby made the deserving students to suffer which ought not to have been done for which Zonal Education Officer concerned be instructed that officials involved be kept under continuous vigil. The charge of account be handed over to another senior official so that such deviation and unnecessary delay in releasing of funds shall not occur in future."

AND WHEREAS, the Directorate of School Education Kashmir further intimated that vide letter No.DSEK/IMW/AG-142/2022/60-61 dated 21.01.2023 CEO Budgam was requested to recover the misappropriated amount as fine from the concerned officer/ official and deposit the same under the relevant head in concerned treasury. In response, CEO, Budgam vide letter dated 20.08.2024 submitted a report with following recommendation:-

"In the backdrop of above, it is submitted that no misappropriation of funds and embezzlement of scholarship amount was done by ZEO Hardpanzoo and his Data Entry Operator. As such, it is highly recommended that a lenient view may please be given to the case and drop the proceedings of the said case."

AND WHEREAS, the Director further submitted that in view of the report and recommendations submitted by the CEO. Budgam, it has been observed that no embezzlement has been found on part of the DDO concerned as he was initially diverting the funds, however, later on recouped the same after receiving the funds for the concerned account heads. As such

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the action on part of the DDO and dealing assistant be treated as irregularity and deviation from the codal formalities;

AND WHEREAS, the Director School Education, Kashmir accordingly submitted the above report with the recommendations that a fine of 10 days pay from the concerned ZEO (now Principal HSS Gogjipathri Budgam) and 05 days pay from the concerned dealing assistant may be imposed for such irregularity and they may also be censured that such irregularity shall not happen in future;

AND WHEREAS, the matter was examined in the department and it has been found that the two reports recorded in above paras are contradictory i.e of Inquiry Officer (Dy CEO Budgam) and a report of CEO Budgam. However, report and recommendations of Director reveals that misappropriation has been done by concerned ZEO (now Principal HSS Gogjipathri Budgam) and data entry operator who was posted in his office. The CEO Budgam in his report also intimated that initially concerned officer & the official has diverted the funds and later on recouped the same. It clearly indicates that the employees have shown misconduct towards their duties and misconduct / violation of rules / embezzlement of scholarships meant for poor students attracts punishment as per Rule 30 of J&K Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1956;

AND WHEREAS, in light of the aforesaid recommendation of the Director School Education, Kashmir, the case was further examined in the Department and accordingly submitted to the Competent Authority;

NOW THEREFORE, sanction is hereby accorded to the imposition of fine not exceeding one month's pay upon Mr. Mushtaq Ahmad Mir, the then ZEO Hardpanzoo (now look after Principal Gogjipathri, Budgam) in terms of Rule 30 (ii) of J&K Civil Services (Classification Control and Appeal) Rules, 1956 with a warning to remain careful in future.

By order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.

Sd/-

(Shantmanu) IAS,
Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary),
School Education Department

Dated: 28.02.2025

No. Edu-GEN/149/2022-01/132977

Copy to the :-

1. Joint Secretary J K & L, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.
2. **Director School Education, Kashmir shall ensure the recovery as mentioned in this order and furnish the original treasury vouchers to the Administrative Department for information and records. Besides, he shall proceed against the data entry operator (Contractual employee) in terms of the rules governing the subject, under an intimation to this office.**
3. Director Anti Corruption Bureau, J&K, Jammu.
4. Director Archives, Archaeology and Museums, J&K.
5. Project Director, Samagra Shiksha, J&K for n/a.
6. Chief Education Officer Budgam / Bandipora for further n/a.
7. Private Secretary to Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary), School Education Department.
8. Concerned.
9. Incharge Website, School Education Department.
10. Government Orders file /Stock e-file.

(Masood Ahmad Wani)

Deputy Secretary to the Government.

