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Abstract

Forest & Wildlife Department - Order dated 02.03.2018 in O.A. 216/2015 filed by S/Shri. N.Surendran & P.V. Vinodkumar, Deputy Range Forest Officers - complied with - Orders issued.

FOREST & WILDLIFE (A) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.

184/2018/F&WLD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram,21/04/2018

- Read: (1) G.O.(Rt) No.235/2012/F&WLD dated 15.05.2012.
- (2) Review petition dated 07.09.2012 of Shri.N.Surendran, Forester.
- (3) Letter No.B7-19714/05 dated 03.04.2013 of Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (D&P)
- (4) Government letter No.10642/A1/2012/F&WLD dated 30.10.2013.
- (5) Letter No.A1(1) 11822/13/GW dated 15.06.2016 of the Secretary, Kerala Public Service Commission, Thiruvananthapuram.
- (6) G.O.(Rt) No.271/2017/F&WLD dated 21.07.2017.
- (7) Order dated 02.03.2018 in O.A. 216/2015 filed by S/Shri. N.Surendran & P.V. Vinodkumar, Deputy Range Forest Officers
- (8) Review petition dated 14.03.2018 of Shri. P.V. Vinodkumar, Deputy Range Forest Officer

ORDER

In connection with the irregularities in the construction of trek path in Mannarkkad and Attappady Ranges of Mannarkkad Division, the disciplinary action initiated against the

following officials were finalised as per the Government Order read as 1st paper above.

- 1) Sri.K.O.Jose, Divisional Forest Officer
- 2) Sri. J.R.Ani, Range Officer
- 3) Sri.V.M. Poulouse, Deputy Ranger
- 4) Sri.P.M. Abdul Rassaq, Dy. Ranger
- 5) Sri.G.Mohandas Kurup, Dy.Ranger
- 6) Sri.P.V.Vinodkumar, Forester
- 7) Sri.N. Surendran, Forester
- 8) Sri.C. Abdul Gafoor, Forester
- 9) Sri.P. Vasudevan, Forester

2) Out of this S/Sri. J.R, Ani, Range Officer, P.M. Abdul Rassaq, Deputy Ranger, P. Vasudean, Forester and N. Surendran, Forester have submitted review petitions.

3) The Disciplinary Action against the above officials were finalised as follows:-

1. Sri. J.R. Ani, Range Officer - Recovery of Rs. 5,18,423/- and barring of two increments with cumulative effect.
2. Sri. P.M.Abdul Razaq, Deputy Ranger- Recovery of Rs. 1,63,714/- and barring two increments with cumulative effect.
3. Sri. N.Surendran, Forester - Recovery of Rs. 1,58,313/- and barring two increments with cumulative effect.
4. Sri. P.Vasudevan, Forester - Recovery of Rs. 58,195/- and barring one increment with cumulative effect.

4) As per the reference read as 3th paper above Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (D&P) has furnished his remarks on the review petitions.

5) Considering the report of Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (D&P) on the review petitions, and that the petitioners were under suspension for more than one year

and superseded for promotion apart from losing seniority and service and that it was decided to recover the Government loss from the petitioners, Government have decided to reduce the punishment awarded to Sri. J.R. Ani, Range Forest Officer, Sri. P.M. Abdul Razaq, Range Forest Officer, and Sri.N.Surendran, Forester for reducing two increments with cumulative effective to bar one increment with cumulative effect. In the case of Sri.P.Vasudevan, Forester only one increment is barred with cumulative effect, hence decided not to change the punishment awarded to him.

6) Government sought the advice of the Kerala Public Service Commission in the above matter vide Government letter read as 4th paper above and the Commission agreed the tentative decision taken by the Government and advised Government accordingly vide their letter read as 5th paper above.

7) But Shri.N.Surendran & Vinod Kumar P.V. Filed O.A. 216/15 challenging Government Order read as 1st paper above. As per the order dated 25.11.2015 in O.A. 216/15 the Hon'ble Kerala Administrative Tribunal stayed the recovery of amounts from the applicants pursuant to Government order read as 1st above.

8) In the circumstances, Government finalised the review petitions of S/Shri.J.R.Ani, Range Officer, P.M. Abdul Razaq, Range Officer, P. Vasudevan, Forester as per the Government Order read as 6th paper above.

9) Vide order read as 7th paper above, the Hon'ble Kerala Administrative Tribunal disposed the case by directing Govt. to consider the Review petition submitted by the first applicant, Shri.N. Surendran and consider the review petition of the second applicant, Shri. Vinodkumar.P.V. as one filed within the time limit prescribed in the Kerala Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1960 and consider it on merits.

10) Government have examined the matter in detail and hereby orders to recover the Government loss from the officers as ordered in the Government Order read as 1st paper above and to reduce the punishment awarded to Shri. N.Surendran, Deputy Range Officer, to barring one increment with cumulative effect. Review Petition read as 2nd paper is disposed off accordingly.

11) The judgment of the Hon'ble Kerala Administrative Tribunal in O.A. No.216/2015 dated 02.03.2018 is thus


complied with.

12) The review petition submitted by Sri.Vinodkumar, P.V. as per reference read as 8th paper above will be finalised as per Kerala Civil Services (Classification, Control, Appeal) rules, 1960.

By order of the Governor
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JOINT SECRETARY

To:- The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest
(Administration)
Shri.N.Surendran, Forster (through Additional Principal
Chief Conservator of Forest (Administration))
The Advocate General, Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram
(with C/L)
The Secretary, Kerala Public Service Commission, Pattom,
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