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Abstract

Forest & Wildlife Department – VC 04/2017/KKD- Prosecution Sanction against Sri.P.Abdul Jaleel, Range Forest Officer –Prosecution Sanction under section 19(1)(b) of the Prevention of Corruption Act,1988- Accorded- Orders issued.

Forest & Wildlife (A) Department

G.O.(Rt)No.303/2020/F&WLD Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 30/11/2020

Read I Letter No.C5 (V.C.4/2017) K.K.D. 3500/2017 dated 15.07.2019 of Director Vigilance & Anti-Corruption Bureau.

<u>ORDER</u>

WHEREAS it is alleged that Sri. Abdul Jaleel, former Forest Range Officer, Kuttiadi forest Range while officiating his position during the year 2014-2015 recouped an amount of rupees 50,000/- maliciously using forged bills and vouchers in connection with the formation and activities of Choorani-Pakramthalam Vana Samrakshana Samithi (VSS) and thus caused loss to the public exchequer and accordingly he gained pecuniary advantage etc.

And WHEREAS it has been disclosed from the records of investigation in VC 04/2017/KKD U/S 13(1)(d) r/w13(2) of Prevention of Corruption Act 1988 and Sec 465,468 and 471 IPC registered at Vigilance and anti Corruption Bureau, Kozhikkode Unit that, the said acts of Sri Abdul Jaleel, Former Forest Range Officer, Kuttiyadi Range prima facie constitute offence punishable U/s 13(2) r/w 13(1) (c) and (d) of Prevention of Corruption Act 1988 and Sec 465 and 471 Indian Penal Code. Factual report and connected documents establish that Sri.P.Abdul Jaleel, former Forest Range Officer, Kuttiadi Range while officiating the same position obtained a sanction to form Choorani-Pakramthalam Vana Samrakhana Samithi in his range from Divisional Forest Officer Kozhikode. He had submitted a proposal of estimate for a fund of Rupees 48,100/- for the cost of conducting participatory rural appraisal for the formation of Choorani-Pakramthalam Vana Samrakhana Samithi. Subsequently he submitted the bills of expenditure for Rupees 41,693/- on 25.03.2015. Accordingly DFO Kozhikode passed an amount of Rupees 41,693/- on 28.03.2015. Subsequently the authority concerned issued cheque No G7 3230927 dated 28.03.2015 for Rupees 82,773/-to Range forest Officer Kuttiadi along with the amount of Rupees 41,693/- as he claimed in connection with the work of Vana Smrakshana Samithi. The above cheque was encashed by the accused on 09.04.2015. Bills and Vouchers were submitted by the accused to claim the said amount. However those who alleged to have prepared the above bills and vouchers stated that they have never issued such bills or vouchers and did not assign any duty in respect to such bills.

And WHEREAS it has been disclosed that all those bills and vouchers were directly handled by the range forest officer himself and the amount mentioned in the bills was utilized by him without

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the knowledge of Superiors and Subordinates in his office. In the light of documentary evidences and statements of witnesses, the said amount has been misappropriated by the accused person, with the knowledge that it is Government money, by forging and fabricating bills and vouchers as used as genuine documents.

And WHEREAS it has been disclosed from the records of investigation in VC 04/2017/KKD U/s 13(1)(d) r/w 13(2) of PC Act 1988 and Sec 465, 468 and 471 IPC registered at VACB, Kozhikkode Unit that, the said acts of Sri.Abdul Jaleel, Former Forest Range Officer, Kuttiyadi Range prima facie constitute offence punishable U/s 13(2) r/w 13(1)(c) and (d) of PC Act 1988 and Sec 465 and 471 IPC.

Now THEREFORE in exercise of powers conferred by section 19 (1) (b) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, Government hereby accord sanction to prosecute the aforesaid accused Sri. Abdul Jaleel, former Forest Range Officer, Kuttiadi Range in VC 04/2017/KKD, for the offences punishable under the relevant provisions of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and for any other offences punishable under the provisions of any law for the time being in force in respect of the acts aforesaid in cognizance of the said offences by a Court of competent jurisdiction.

(By order of the Governor) RAJESH KUMAR SINHA PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

To:

Director, Vigilance & Anti-Corruption Bureau, Thiruvananthapuram

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