



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

FWLD- O A No. 2055/2020 filed by Sri. K.S.Anu Krishnan, Section Forest Officer- final order of the Hon'ble Kerala Administrative Tribunal dated: 19/02/2021- Complied with- orders issued.

FOREST & WILDLIFE (F) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.112/2021/F&WLD Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 07/04/2021

Read 1 Service Order 21/2020, dated:26.06.2020. issued by the Chief Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle, Kollam.

2 G.O (Rt) No. 316/2020/FWLD, dated:14.12.2020.

- 3 Service Order No. 05/2021 dated:13.01.2021 of the Chief Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle Kollam.

4 Representation submitted by Sri. Anu Krishnan, SFO dated: Nil.

5 Order of Hon'ble Kerala Administrative Tribunal, dated:19.02.2021 in O A 2055/2020 filed by Sri. Anu Krishnan.

ORDER

Sri. Anu Krishnan, Section Forest Officer, filed O A 2055/2021 before the Hon'ble Kerala Administrative Tribunal, aggrieved by the Annexure A4 order read as 2nd paper above, by which his posting in the Forest Intelligence Cell has been cancelled and directed not to post him in Thiruvananthapuram district. The Honourable Kerala Administrative Tribunal, as per order read as 5th paper above, disposed off the above O A directing the 1st respondent- Govt to consider Annexure A6 representation submitted by the applicant and to pass appropriate orders on it within a period of two months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of the order.

2. The applicant in his Annexure A6 representation read as 4th paper above, has stated that he had actively participated in unearthing many forest offenses and also have a meticulous service history in Forest Intelligence Cell. He was awarded with several good service entries for rendering efficient and obedient service in Forest Dept, and a recipient of the Chief Minister's Forest Medal, and that no disciplinary action/ vigilance case has been initiated against him so far. It is also stated that considering his meritorious service and experience in Forest Intelligence Cell, he was again posted in the F I C on his promotion to the

cadre of Section Forest Officer. The applicant has further informed that his present transfer to Ranni Division has made many difficulties to his family, consisting of his aged mother, wife and his baby. Therefore the applicant requested to revise the Government order read as 2nd paper above and to consider him in an arising vacancy in Thiruvananthapuram district.

3. Government have examined the matter in detail. The applicant has been working in the Forest Intelligence Cell (F I C) from January 2013 onwards. He was posted there while he was in the cadre of Beat Forest Officer. Appointment in the Forest Intelligence Cell is being done by posting officers on working arrangement basis. As a matter of fact, the practice of working arrangement has been dispensed with, as per Circular No. 1015/ D2/92/P&ARD dated 15/11/1992. However the same is allowed by Government in exceptional circumstances. On the basis of a compliant received in Government regarding allegations against the Forest Intelligence Cell on its malfunctioning, nexus with culprits and continuance of the officers posted in Forest Intelligence Cell for long years, Government have taken a policy decision to revert those who had completed 3 years in the Forest Intelligence Cell, and to make fresh appointments, if necessary, with the concurrence of Government. Accordingly, direction was given to the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Vigilance), as per Government letter dated 03/08/2019, to revert all those who have completed 3 years in the F I C to their home stations. Even though direction was given on 03/08/2019 to revert those who had completed 3 years in Forest Intelligence Cell, Sri. Anu Krishnan was reverted only on 29/06/2020, that too only after repeated directions from Government, and on his promotion as Section Forest Officer. In spite of clear direction that working arrangement should be done with the concurrence of Government, the applicant was again posted in the Forest Intelligence Cell keeping Government in the dark. Therefore Government, as per Annexure A4 order, cancelled his posting in the Forest Intelligence Cell.

4. As per the existing transfer norms, the maximum period an officer can continue in an office is three years. The applicant has already served more than 7 years in the Forest Intelligence Cell. Unblemished or meritorious service will not entitle an officer to continue in a particular office or a post for long periods. Government have decided that an officer need not continue in the Forest Intelligence Cell more than three years. The applicant is bound to obey the decision. More over, on the basis of a compliant from a Women Beat Forest Officer regarding sexual harassment from the part of the Flying Squad Division, Thiruvananthapuram, Government have decided to transfer all officers working in the Flying Squad unit, Thiruvananthapuram, including the applicant. A detailed enquiry has also been ordered in this regard.

5. In the above circumstances, the request of the applicant in the Annexure A6 representation is here by rejected and the Order of the Hon'ble Kerala

Administrative Tribunal, read as 5th paper above, is thus complied with.

6. It is further ordered that the Applicant shall not be posted in Thiruvananthapuram district and in the Forest Intelligence Cell with out Government approval.

(By order of the Governor)

SAJEEVAN M K
UNDER SECRETARY

The Advocate General, Kerala, Vanchiyur, Thiruvananthapuram.

(With Covering Letter).

The Addtional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest
(Administration), Thiruvananthapuram.

The Addtional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest
(Vigilance), Thiruvananthapuram.

Sri.Anu Krishnan, Section Forest Officer (Through APCCF(A)).

The Accountant General (A/E) Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Accountant General(Audit), Thiruvananthapuram.

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