



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

General Administration Department - All India Services (Discipline and Appeal) Rules, 1969 - Shri. Gopalakrishnan K IAS (KL 2013) - Placed under suspension - Orders issued.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (AIS A) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.4978/2024/GAD Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 11-11-2024

Read : Letter No.T1-209275/2024/PHQ dated 09.11.2024 from Director General of Police cum State Police Chief.

ORDER

1. It has come to the notice of Government that a WhatsApp group was created recently, of which Shri. Gopalakrishnan K. IAS (KL:2013), Director of Industries, was stated to be the Administrator of the said group.
2. A complaint was filed by Shri. Gopalakrishnan K IAS to the Police alleging that the said WhatsApp Group was created, and contacts were added without his consent by hacking his device. The State Police Chief has forwarded a report received from the Inspector General & Commissioner of Police, Thiruvananthapuram City, which states that, on enquiry, it was revealed that there was no evidence indicating that the device was hacked as claimed by Shri. Gopalakrishnan K IAS. It is also revealed that repeated factory reset of the mobile phone was done by the officer himself before submitting his phones for forensic examination.
3. The Government, prima facie, is of the view that the said WhatsApp Group created by Shri. Gopalakrishnan.K IAS was intended to foment division, sow disunity and break the solidarity within the cadres of the All India Services in the State. It was also prima facie found to be creating communal formations and alignments within the cadres of the All India Services in the

State.

4. The Government is prima facie satisfied that the above acts of Shri.Gopalakrishnan.K IAS (KL:2013) in creating a WhatsApp group to foment division, sow disunity and break the solidarity within the All India Service Cadre in the State amounts to violation of Rules 3(1), 3(1A(i), 3(2B)(i), (ii), (iii) and (x) of the All India Service Conduct Rules, 1968.
5. Hence, Shri. Gopalakrishnan K. IAS (KL:2013), Director of Industries is placed under suspension with immediate effect against the contemplated disciplinary proceedings under Rule 3(1) of the All India Service (Discipline and Appeal) Rules, 1969.
6. The officer will be eligible for subsistence allowance under Rule 4 of All India Services (Discipline & Appeal) Rules, 1969 during the period of suspension.

(By order of the Governor)
SARADA MURALEEDHARAN I A S
CHIEF SECRETARY

To

1. Shri. Gopalakrishnan K IAS, Director, Industries and Commerce Department, Thiruvananthapuram.
2. The Principal Accountant General (A&E)) Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
3. The Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Department of Personnel & Training, New Delhi
4. The Director, Industries and Commerce Department, Thiruvananthapuram.
5. The General Administration (SC) /Industries Department.
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PA to the Additional Secretary, General Administration (AIS) Department.

CA to the Joint Secretary, General Administration (AIS) Department.