



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Vigilance Department - SC.60/15/PKD - Surprise Check conducted at Gopalapuram Motor Vehicle checkpost - Disciplinary proceedings against Sri.VinodKumar.V, AMVI - Detailed enquiry by the Vigilance Tribunal, Kozhikode - Sanctioned - Orders issued.

VIGILANCE(A)DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.15/2024/VIG

Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 25-01-2024

Read 1 Letter No E12(SC.60/15/PKD)24866/2015 dated 13.03.2020 from the Director, Vigilance & Anti Corruption Bureau, Thiruvananthapuram.

2 Letter No.A3/190/2020/Vig dated 10.05.2022.

3 Memo of charges No.A3/190/2020/Vig dated 10.03.2023.

4 Written Statement of Defence dated 24.07.2023 from Sri.V.Vinod Kumar, AMVI.

5 Letter No.G1/39/2023-TC dated 07.09.2023 from the Transport Commissioner

ORDER

Based on the allegation regarding the acceptance of bribe through agents by the Motor Vehicle officials attached with Gopalapuram Motor Vehicle Checkpost, Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Bureau, Palakkad unit conducted a Surprise Check in the Gopalapuram Motor vehicle Checkpost on 08.10.2015. The irregularities noticed during the inspection are as follows;

(a) Bribe amounting to Rs.30,000/- was seized from the agent Sri.V.Dharmaraj from the check post.

(b) Shortage of Government cash amounting to Rs.3040/-was noticed at the check post.

(c) Functioning of agents inside the check post are continued even after the repeated detection of bribe from the agents in the check posts of Palakkad District.

2. The officers responsible for the irregularities are follows;

1. Sri.V.Vinod kumar, AMVI.
2. Sri.Shanavas, MVI.
- 3.Sri.Dharmarajan. (An agent appointed by the MV Officials at Gopalapuram for collecting and safeguarding the bribe amount).

3. Director, Vigilance & Anti Corruption Bureaus per paper read as 1st above, has submitted the Surprise Check report to Government with a recommendation for conducting Vigilance Tribunal Enquiry against Sri.V.Vinod kumar, AMVI(SO-1) and to initiate departmental disciplinary action against Sri.Shanavas, MVI (SO-2). Government have examined the report in detail and Transport Department was directed to take departmental action against Sri Shanavas, MVI as per letter read as 2nd paper above and the findings in the report have conspicuously necessitated initiation of disciplinary proceedings against Sri.V.Vinod kumar, AMVI and a tentative decision was taken to initiate Vigilance Tribunal enquiry against him. Government therefore served Memo of Charges as per paper read as 3rd above to the accused Officer.

4. The accused officer submitted his written Statement of Defence as per letter read as 4th paper above. In the defence statement, he pleaded as not guilty of the charges framed against him and requested for a personal hearing to explain his innocence. He was heard in person by the Deputy Secretary, Vigilance Department on 17.10.2023. During the hearing the accused reiterated the same arguments as furnished in his Written Statement of Defence and submitted that no money was recovered from him during the surprise check. He has further informed that the surprise check conducted during 2015 and the memo of charges has been handed over to him in 2023 only and requested to drop the disciplinary proceedings taken against him in view of the delay occurred in initiating the proceedings.

6. The contentions raised by the Accused Officer both in Written Statement of Defense and personal hearing are not found convincing and satisfactory. Hence Government by agreeing with the opinion of Director, Vigilance & Anti Corruption Bureau that the charges against the accused have to be enquired into in detail by the Vigilance Tribunal.

7. In the above circumstance, Government have decided to refer the charges against the accused officer to Vigilance Tribunal, Kozhikkode for conducting a detailed enquiry under the provisions of Kerala Civil Services (Vigilance Tribunal)Rule 1960 and order accordingly.

8. The Vigilance Tribunal, Kozhikkode will conduct a detailed enquiry into the

charges framed against Sri.V.Vinod kumar,AMVI under above rules and submit the report to government with its findings and recommendations at the earliest. The papers read above and the records of the case as per the items shown in the list appended herewith will be forwarded to the Vigilance Tribunal, Kozhikode.

9. The Legal Adviser/Additional Legal Adviser attached to the Director, V&ACB is authorized to conduct the case before the Vigilance Tribunal Kozhikode on behalf of the Government.

10. The Director, V&ACB / Transport Commissioner will render all the necessary assistance to the Legal Adviser/Additional Legal Adviser to enable him to present all facts of the case effective before Vigilance Tribunal , Kozhikode.

(By order of the Governor)
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ADDITIONAL SECRETARY

The Vigilance Tribunal, Kozhikkode. (with records as per the list attached. The receipt of the same may be acknowledged)

Sri.V.Vinod kumar, Assistant Motor Vehicle Inspector. (Through Transport Commissioner).

The Director,Vigilance& Anti Corruption Bureau, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Legal Adviser/Additional Legal Adviser, Vigilance & Anti Corruption Bureau, Thiruvananthapuram.

Transport Department.

Transport Commissioner.

Information & Public Relations (Web & New Media) Department.

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Signed by

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