



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Water Resources Department- Kerala Water Authority- Establishment-Vigilance Enquiry Report - Allegation against the officials of Kerala Water Authority Sewerage Sub Division, Pattoor - Departmental disciplinary Action against Sri. K. Rajan, former Overseer Grade- III and Sri. G. Devakumar, former Executive Engineer - finalized - orders issued

WATER RESOURCES (WS-B) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.601/2025/WRD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 04-07-2025

Read: 1. Letter No.E17/26095/2012 dated 05.11.2013 from the Director, Vigilance & Anti Corruption Bureau, Thiruvananthapuram.

2. G.O (Rt) No. 669/2019/WRD dated 06.08.2016.

3. G.O (Rt) No. 29/2021/WRD dated 18.01.2021.

4. G.O (Rt) No. 267/2024/WRD dated 23.03.2024.

5. Show Cause Notice No. WS-B1/155/2019/WRD dated 21.10.2020 issued to Sri. K. Rajan, former Overseer Grade-III.

6. Explanation submitted by Sri. K. Rajan, former Overseer Grade- III dated 16.06.2023.

7. Show Cause Notice No. WS-B1/155/2019/WRD dated 20.01.2024 issued to Sri. G. Devakumar, former Executive Engineer.

8. Explanation submitted by G. Devakumar, former Executive Engineer dated 23.03.2024.

9. Letter No. KWA-JB/2828/2015-LDC (VIGILANCE) dated 21.12.2024 from Managing Director, Kerala Water Authority.

ORDER

Based on a pseudonymous petition, Vigilance and Anti Corruption Bureau, Thiruvananthapuram Unit conducted an enquiry into the

allegations against the following officials of Sewerage Sub Division, Pattoor, Thiruvananthapuram (i) Sri. K K Madhu, Assistant Executive Engineer, (ii) Sri. A. Asokan, Overseer, (iii) Sri. P. Pramod, Assistant Engineer, (iv) Sri. A Salim, Assistant Engineer, (v) Sri. G Devakumar, Executive Engineer, (vi) Sri. C. V Mathew, Assistant Executive Engineer, (vii) Sri. Nisthar Ahammed Sait. A, Assistant Engineer, (viii) Sri. G Sudhakaran, Overseer, (ix) Sri. K Rajan, Overseer and (x) Sri. M Sadanandan, Overseer. The allegations are (i) sanctioning sewerage connection to high rise building, without obtaining the mandatory provision of installing an individual Sewerage Treatment Plant (STP) as stipulated by the Pollution Control Board and thereby the accused officers accepted lakhs of rupees, as bribe, (ii) illegal acceptance of bribes for effecting connection to the undersized sewer lines and (iii) irregularity in the construction of sewer manhole at Ambalamukku.

2. The enquiry revealed that the allegations raised in the petition were partially true and the Enquiry Officer recommended for departmental disciplinary action against all the suspect officers. The Director, Vigilance and Anti Corruption Bureau endorsed the recommendation of the Enquiry Officer and requested to initiate action accordingly.

3. Based on the recommendations of the Director, V&ACB, Government initiated disciplinary action against the delinquent officials and Memo of Charges were issued to all concerned, calling for their explanation as to why disciplinary action as completed under KCS&CCA Rules, 1960 should not be taken against them. Government after having examined the explanations with reference to the Vigilance Enquiry Report and the report of the Managing Director, Kerala Water Authority and other connected records, dropped disciplinary action initiated against Sri. K K Madhu, former Assistant Executive Engineer, and Sri. A Salim, former Assistant Engineer, of Kerala Water Authority and the disciplinary action initiated against Sri. P Pramod, Assistant Engineer and Sri. A Asokan, Overseer were finalized by withholding one increment without cumulative effect, as per 2nd paper read above. Since Sri. G. Sudhakaran, Sri. M. Sadanandan and Sri. Nisthar Ahammed Sait. A already retired from the service on 30.06.2018, 31.05.2016 and 31.05.2018 respectively, the disciplinary action against them were finalized by imposing punishment of withholding of 5% of basic pension for 6 months, as per Rule 3, Part III KSRs read as 3rd paper above. The disciplinary action against Sri. C.V. Mathew, former Assistant Executive Engineer, who retired from service on 31.10.2013

was finalized by deducting Rs. 500/- from his monthly pension permanently, as his service was not satisfactory, as per Rule 59(b), Part III, KSRs, read as 4th paper above.

4. Memo of Charges and Statement of Allegations were issued to Shri. K. Rajan, then Overseer, alleging that he, while working as Overseer in Kerala Water Authority, Sewerage Sub Division, Pattoor, Thiruvananthapuram, had committed grave irregularity and lapse by issuing drainage connection to the five high rise buildings without insisting the flat owners for the proper implementation of individual Sewerage Treatment Plant. Government having examined the Statement of defence in detail with reference to the connected records and reports of Managing Director, Kerala Water Authority, found that the explanations of Shri. K. Rajan were not satisfactory to absolve the charges leveled against him. As such Government have tentatively decided to award a punishment of withholding of one increment without cumulative effect for 6 months as per Rule 11 (1) (iii) of KCS&CCA Rules and Show Cause notice was issued to Shri. K. Rajan calling his explanation thereon. Shri. K. Rajan, Overseer, retired from service on superannuation on 31.05.2020, while the matter was under examination.

5. In the above circumstances disciplinary action against Shri. K. Rajan, Overseer Grade III (Retd) has been continued under Rule 3, Part- III, KSRs, and tentatively decided to reduce 5% of his basic pension for a period of 6 months as per Rule 3 of Part III KSRs. As such Show Cause notice was issued to him calling his explanation read as 5th paper above. Shri. K. Rajan vide his reply read as 6th paper, silently accepted the tentative decision of Government.

6. In the case of Shri. G. Devakumar, former Executive Engineer, who already retired from service on 30.11.2013, Government have decided to examine the possibility of initiating action under Rule 59(b) of Part-III KSRs. There are five cases pertaining to disciplinary action based on Vigilance Report, against Shri. G. Devakumar, which are under the consideration of Government and yet to be finalised. After review Government have concluded that the service of Shri. G. Devakumar was not satisfactory. Since the service of Shri. G. Devakumar was not satisfactory, Government have tentatively decided to deduct Rs. 500/- from his monthly pension permanently as per Rule 59(b) of Part III KSRs. Consequently Show Cause notice has been issued to Shri. G. Devakumar read as 7th paper above. In reply to the Show Cause notice, Shri. G. Devakumar denied all the allegations

levelled against him. But the Managing Director, Kerala Water Authority reported Government that there occurred a supervisory lapse on the part of Shri. G. Devakumar, while discharging his duties as the concerned Executive Engineer.

7. Government have examined all the above matter in detail. On account of the explanation furnished by Shri. K. Rajan, Overseer Grade-III (Rtd) by accepting the tentative decision of Government, the disciplinary action against him is finalized by imposing the punishment of 5% reduction of his monthly basic pension for a period of 6 months as per Rule 3 of Part III KSRs. Since the reply of Shri. G. Devakumar, Executive Engineer (Rtd) is inadequate to justify the allegations against him and by considering the fact that his service was not satisfactory, disciplinary action against him is finalized by deducting Rs. 500/- from his monthly pension permanently, as per Rule 59(b), Part III, KSRs.

8. Managing Director, Kerala Water Authority will take further necessary action in this regard.

(By order of the Governor)
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To:

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Thiruvananthapuram
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The Principal Accountant General (Audit/ A&E), Kerala, Thiruvnanthapuram.
The Director, Vigilance & Anti-Corruption Bureau, Thiruvananthapuram
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