



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Water Resources Department- Allegation against the officers of Kerala Water Authority, Pallimukku, Ernakulam- Petition Enquiry report of Vigilance & Anti Corruption Bureau- Disciplinary action - Finalized- Orders issued.

WATER RESOURCES (WATER SUPPLY- B) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.992/2025/WRD Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 12-12-2025

Read:

1. Letter No. E10-33579/KWA/2016 dated 31.10.2016 of the Director, Vigilance & Anti Corruption Bureau.
2. Letter No. 12060/D2/2016/Vig dated 02.12.2016 from Vigilance Department.
3. MoC and SoA dated 30.03.2017 issued to Shri. P.C. Rathiyappan, Assistant Executive Engineer and Shri. M.M. Mathew, Draftsman Grade-I.
4. Statement of Defence dated 12.06.2017 submitted by Shri. M.M. Mathew, Draftsman Grade- I.
5. Statement of Defence dated 27.06.2017 submitted by Shri. P.C. Rathiyappan, Assistant Executive Engineer.
6. Letter No. KWA/JB/E6(B1)/8365/17 dated 17.04.2019 of Managing Director, Kerala Water Authority

ORDER

Based on a petition received from Shri. Byju Xavier on the allegation against the officers of Kerala Water Authority, Pallimukku, Ernakulam, Vigilance & Anti Corruption Bureau, Central Range conducted an enquiry. The allegation is that the petitioner purchased an apartment No. 27/311-C in Panampalli Nagar owned by TATA Communications through auction and applied for water connection in the Water Works Section-III, Pallimukku. The authorities not issued water connection to the petitioner even though owners of the neighbouring apartments who auctioned along with the petitioner were issued water connection even though they applied along with him.

2. The enquiry revealed that even though repeated enquiries were made by the petitioner in Water Authority Office for getting water connection, it was delayed by the Assistant Executive Engineer and Draftsman, who is the custodian of the file, stating various un-necessary reasons and suspectedly with ill. It was revealed that the application for water connection submitted by the petitioner was kept pending without any valid reason for more than one year. Shri. P.C. Rathiyappan, Assistant Executive Engineer and Shri. M.M. Mathew, Draftsman Grade-I are responsible for the delay occurred.

3. In the light of the above findings, Vigilance & Anti Corruption Bureau recommended departmental action against Shri. P.C. Rathiyappan, Assistant Executive and Shri. M.M. Mathew, Draftsman Grade-I of Water Works Division, Kerala Water Authority, Pallimukku, Ernakulam for irregularities and inordinate delay in giving water connection to the petitioner.

4. As recommended by V&ACB Memo of Charges and Statement of Allegations were issued to Shri. P.C. Rathiyappan, Assistant Executive and Shri. M.M. Mathew, Draftsman Grade-I read as 3rd paper above.

5. In the Statement of Defence submitted by Shri. P. C. Rathiyappaan, Assistant Executive Engineer read as 5th paper above submitted that there was no regular Assistant Engineer in all three section offices under the Sub-Division at that period and regular Assistant Engineer was posted during the month of October- 2016. As per the orders in existence all application for water supply connection would be received in section offices. The water connections in domestic category was sanctioned by Assistant Engineer and Non domestic and Industrial connections by the Assistant Executive Engineer. The said application for the water connection in non domestic purpose, after verification submitted in sub-division office by the Assistant Engineer on 02/2016. As per DB report for the building getting connections is multistoried commercial shopping complex constructed by GCDA years back. The building having many door numbers and number of connections. Some existing connections which are not making payment and also seen the Assistant Engineer not signed in this application. Hence returned the application to Assistant Engineer on 16/02/2016 for verifying as there was existing connection in this door number and feasibility report get signed by the Assistant Engineer. On verification of water supply connection application, if found there was an existing water connection with dues, further

proceedings on the application can only after settling the due amount in the existing connection. On 20/4/2016 the Assistant Engineer resubmitted the application with detailed report. Based on the report of Assistant engineer, a letter was sent to the applicant dated 05/05/2016 to obtain and undertaking from GCDA, that there was no previous connection to the door number. Assistant Engineer submitted the application after verification on 15.07.2016. After completing the required necessary procedures including road cutting permission of Municipality, execution agreement, remittance of required fee by the applicant and work order issuance, the water connection was given to the petitioner. Shri. P. C. Rathiyappaan, Assistant Executive Engineer submitted that there occurred no forceful delay in this case.

6. In the Statement of Defense read as 4th paper above, Shri M. M. Mathew submitted that, as a Draftsman Grade- I, he had no role in decision making on releasing or ceasing of water connection. He further submitted that he was not authorised to involve from receipt of application to provisional approval, as the proceedings upto provisional approval are assigned and dealt with Assistant Engineer.

7. Managing Director, Kerala Water Authority submitted report read as 6th paper above, supporting the facts in the defence statement submitted by the accused officers.

8. Government have examined that matter in detail. Sri P C Rathiyappan, Assistant Executive Engineer and Sri M.M Mathew, Draughtsman (Grade-I) retired from the service on 30.04.2017 and 31.05.2018 respectively. Considering the explanation submitted by the accused officers and report of the Managing Director, Kerala Water Authority, the disciplinary action initiated against Shri. P.C. Rathiyappan, Assistant Executive Engineer and Shri. M.M. Mathew, Draftsman Grade-I is hereby dropped.

(By order of the Governor)
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ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY

To:

The Managing Director, Kerala Water Authority,
Thiruvananthapuram
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Mathew, Draughtsman (Grade-I) (Through the Managing Director,
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The Principal Accountant General (A&E/ Audit), Kerala,
Thiruvananthapuram
The Director, Vigilance & Anti Corruption Bureau,
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