



## **GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**

## **Abstract**

Forest & Wildlife Department – Case against Sri. Akhil. V. B, Range Forest Officer, Olavakkod Range, Palakkad - Prosecution Sanction - Order issued.

## FOREST & WILDLIFE (A) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.229/2023/F&WLD

13-06-

2023, Thiruvananthapuram

Read I Letter No. VC 01/2021/PKD Dated 04.05.2023 from the Superintendent of Police, Vigilance & Anti-Corruption Bureau, Central Range, Ernakulam .Copy of FIR and Mahazers, Statement of witnesses and other documents of investigation in VC 01/2021 of VACB, Palakkad.

## ORDER

WHEREAS it has been disclosed from the records of investigation in VC 01/2021 of Vigilance & Anti- Corruption Bureau, Palakkad that Sri.Akhil.V.B, S/o Balakrishnan. V.R, Akhilalayam, Lenin Nagar, Poonkunnam (PO), Thrissur (PEN No. 679522), while working as Range Forest Officer, Olavakkod Forest Range Office, Palakkad and as such being a public servant abused his official position and demanded bribe from complainant the Sri.Joseph.V.J, S/o.Joseph. Varikkamamottil House, Pasukkadav (PO), Kozhikode, a contractor who had executed construction work of 310 cairns in various area in Mundur Forest Section under Olavakkod Forest Range, for preparing and forwarding bills of cairns works done by him to the Divisional Forest Office from 17.02.2021 and finally fixed the amount to Rs. 1,00,000/- on 23.02.2021 and directed to give an amount of Rs. 50,000/as first installment on the same day and in pursuance of the repeated demands accepted an amount of Rs. 50,000/- from the complainant on 24.02.2021 at 11.30 hrs from Olavakkod Range Forest Office and thereby the said Sri. Akhil. V.B, has committed offense of accepting illegal gratification other than legal remuneration.

- 2) AND WHEREAS the above mentioned acts on the part of the said Sri. Akhil. V.B, amounts to offense punishable U/s 7(a) of Prevention of Corruption Act 1988 as amended by Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act 2018.
- 3) AND WHEREAS the Government of Kerala being the authority competent to remove Sri. Akhil. V.B, from his office after fully and carefully examining the materials before it in regard to the said allegation and the circumstances of the case, and also applying mind, consider that the said Sri.Akhil. V.B, should be prosecuted before a court of law for the said offenses;
- 4) NOW, THEREFORE, Government of Kerala do hereby accord sanction required under section 19(1) (b) of the Prevention of Corruption Act 1988, for the prosecution of the said Sri. Akhil. V.B, for the said offence and any other offences punishable under other provisions of law in respect of the acts aforesaid and for taking cognizance of the said offences by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(By order of the Governor)

KATYOTHILAL

ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY

Principal Chief Conservator of Forest & Head of Forest Force.

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Administration).

Sri.Akhil.V.B, Range Forest Officer

(Through Additional Principal

Chief Conservator of Forest (Administration)

Director, Vigilance & Anti Corruption Bureau, Palakkad.

Superintendent of Police, Vigilance & Anti-Corruption Bureau, Ernakulam

The Principal Accountant General (Audit/A&E), Kerala Thiruvananthapuram

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