GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (SPECIAL A) DEPARTMENT

G.O. (Rt) No. 2466/2017/CAD
Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 20/04/2017.


ORDER

Disciplinary action was initiated against Shri. N Prasanth IAS(KL 2007) on the basis of complaint received from Shri. M K Raghavan, Hon’ble Member of Parliament, Kozhikode alleging that the officer, while working as District Collector, Kozhikode spread baseless allegations through social media and Public Relations Department against the Hon’ble Member of Parliament alleging that the Hon’ble Member of Parliament has threatened the officials in District Collectorate and persuaded them to pass certain bill for the contractors. The Hon’ble Member of Parliament also alleged that the District Collector has taken over the room allotted for facilitation centre for MPLAD scheme for the use of election observers and kept it closed for forty days.

2. The Articles of Charges and Statement of imputations were served on the officer with the following charges;

• That Shri. Prasanth N IAS, failed to observe the standing instructions of Government of India on the procedure to be observed in official dealings with Members of Parliament and State Legislatures while dealing with Shri. M K Raghavan, Hon’ble Member of Parliament in connection with review meeting of MPLADS held on 29.06.2016 in the Collectorate, Kozhikode.

• That the officer has criticized the Member of Parliament and raised allegations through social media and press note issued through Public Relations Department that Shri. M K Raghavan, Member of Parliament has threatened the officials in District Collectorate and persuaded them to pass certain bills for the contractors.

• That the officer has closed the facilitation centre for MPLADS during the assembly elections and kept it closed for forty days even after the election.
3. Shri. N Prasanth IAS has furnished a detailed reply in the matter. The officer has denied all the charges levelled against him, as per paper read as 3rd paper above.

4. Government have examined the matter in detail and found that there was lapse on the part of Shri. N Prasanth IAS in showing courtesy and consideration to Shri. M K Raghavan MP. He should have been careful to see that his opinion through social media would not figure as a criticism on the functioning of the MP. However, taking a lenient view have decided to drop further action in the matter by issuing a non recordable warning to be circumspect in such matters in future.

(By Order of the Governor)
Nalini Netto,
Chief Secretary to Government.

To
Shri. N Prasanth IAS, Director of Higher Secondary Education,
Thiruvananthapuram.
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