GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
Abstract

All India Service (Discipline and Appeal) Rules, 1969 – Shri. Jacob Thomas IPS (KL:1985), Director General, Institute of Management in Government, Thiruvananthapuram – Placed under Suspension – orders issued.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (SPECIAL C) DEPARTMENT

G.O (Rt) No.8044 /17/GAD Dated, Thiruvananthapuram 19.12.2017

ORDER

Shri. Jacob Thomas IPS (KL:1985), Director General, Institute of Management in Government, Thiruvananthapuram made some blatant and provocative comments against various activities, policy decisions and functioning of the State Government in power at a public function at Press Club, Thiruvananthapuram on 09/12/2017. He is reported to have commented that there is a total breakdown of law and orders in the State. He alleged that the State Government is not functioning for the poor but for the rich and corrupt elements and the people in the power are compromising with corruption. He also criticized the endeavors of the State Government with regard to its rescue operations for the missing fishermen and rehabilitative measures initiated for the coastal people victimized by the disastrous Ockhi Cyclone. His statement that rulers are unpopular and cannot win the confidence of ordinary people is also unbecoming conduct and misleading too.

2) In the wake of the natural cyclone calamity, the statements made
by the above officer are certainly inflammatory in nature and were prima facie aimed to exacerbate such feelings which could have had serious repercussions on the law and order and peace along the coast. Such actions which could create dissatisfaction and displeasure among people about the administrative mechanism of the state are unwarranted and unbecoming of an officer of his stature and is prejudicial to the security of the state. Considering that he is the senior most IPS officer of the state in the cadre of DGP, he has also damaged the dignity and decorum of the post he holds.

3) The action of the above officer warrants suspension and disciplinary action according to the provisions under Rule 3 (IA) of the All India Service (Discipline & Appeal) Rules 1969 which says:

“(IA) If the Government of a State or the Central Government, as the case may be, is of the opinion that a member of the service has engaged himself in activities prejudicial to the interests of the security of the State, that Government may – (a) if the member of the Service is serving under that Government pass an order placing him under suspension”.

4) Government have examined the matter in detail and found that the above acts of Shri. Jacob Thomas IPS (KL:1985), Director General, IMG, Thiruvananthapuram prima facie amount to official misconduct and violation of provisions under Rule 7 (i) of AIS (Conduct) Rules 1968 and prejudicial to the interests of the society of the state and therefore consider it necessary to place Shri. Jacob Thomas IPS (KL:1985) under suspension pending disciplinary action against him.

5) Accordingly, Shri. Jacob Thomas IPS (KL:1985), Director General, IMG, Thiruvananthapuram is placed under suspension under Rule 3 of All India Services (Discipline & Appeal) Rules 1969 with
immediate effect against contemplated disciplinary action.

6) Shri. Jacob Thomas IPS (KL:1985) will be eligible for subsistence allowance under Rule 4 All India Service (Discipline & Appeal) Rules 1969.

By order of the Governor
Dr.K.M.Abraham
Chief Secretary to Government

To
Shri. Jacob Thomas IPS (KL:1985), Director General,
Institute of Management in Government, Thiruvananthapuram
(through State Police Chief, Thiruvananthapuram)
The Principal Accountant General, Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram
The Principal Accountant General, Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram
The Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi-110001.
The Director General of Police & State Police Chief, Kerala,
Thiruvananthapuram
The General Administration (SC/Accounts J) Department.
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The Director, Information & Public Relations Department.
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