GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract
IAS – Discreet enquiry conducted by Vigilance Department – Allegation against Shri. M C Mohandas IAS(Rtd) – further action dropped – Orders issued.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (SPECIAL A) DEPARTMENT

Read: 1. Letter No.3765/A1/16/Vig dated 09.08.2016 from Additional Chief Secretary, Vigilance Department.

ORDER

The Director, Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Bureau has reported that on a discreet enquiry conducted against Shri. M C Mohandas IAS(Rtd), former Commissioner, Land Revenue, it was found that the officer while holding the post of Land Revenue Commissioner, stayed in Room No.9 of the hostel run by the Institute of Land and Disaster Management(ILDM) from October 2013 to November 2015, without paying rent. He paid an amount of Rs.2,25,000/- after V&ACB completed the enquiry. The V&ACB has reported that though the officer paid the amount after the enquiry, it still amounts to abuse of authority, as he was staying in the hostel room without paying rent and the same time claiming HRA.

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

- That Shri. M C Mohandas IAS while holding the post of Commissioner, Land Revenue stayed in Room No.9 of the hostel run by Institute of Land and Disaster Management from October 2013 to November 2015, without paying rent. He paid an amount of Rs.2,25,000/- (Rupees Two lakhs twenty five thousand only) as per receipt No.175912 as rent after Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Bureau completed the enquiry. Though the officer paid the rent after the enquiry by the Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Bureau, his action in staying in a Government run hostel without paying rent amounts to abuse of authority. No general body meeting of the ILDM has passed an order allowing the Commissioner, Land Revenue to stay at the hostel run by ILDM.

- That the officer has claimed House Rent Allowance while he was staying in the hostel room run by ILDM without paying rent.
3. In reply the officer has informed that on assumption of charge as Commissioner, Land Revenue he became the Vice Chairman of the Governing Body of ILDM and also the Chairman of the Executive Committee of ILDM ex-officio. For finding sufficient time to discharge his duties and responsibilities in connection with ILDM, he opted to stay at ILDM hostel itself. The officer has further informed that he was not having any fraudulent intention at all to stay without paying rent in the Government run hostel and was having bonafide intention of paying the entire rent at the time of vacating the room.

4. Government have examined the matter in detail. Considering the fact that Shri. M C Mohandas IAS has paid the entire rent and he has already retired from Government service, by taking a lenient view in the matter, are pleased to drop further action in the matter.

(By Order of the Governor)
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