

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Public Services- Forest Departments – Sri. K.G. Vasudevan, formerly Conservator of Forests, Trichur- Disciplinary proceedings against – further action dropped.

VIGILANCE (C) DEPARTMENT

G.O. Rt. No 55/84/Vig.

Dated Trivandrum 13.4.1984

Read:- 1.

Memo of charges No. 52956/PSI/75/AD dated 4.1.1977

Served on Sri. K.G. Vasudevan

2. Written statement of defence dated 30.7.77 from Sri. K.G. Vasudevan.

3. G.O. Rt. 141/78/Vig. dated 11.9.1978

4. Letter No. b. 20/80/TDP(confdl) dt 30.8.1980 from the Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings. Trivandrum and the enquiry report in case No. 16/1978.

5. Letter No. A1(2) 13355/81/ GW dated 23.3.1983 and 9.3.84 from the Secretary, Kerala Public Service Commission.

ORDER

In the context of enquiry into the allegations against Sri. K.G. Adiyedi, former Minister for Finance and Forests, Justice Balakrishnan Eradi. Commission made certain observations against Sri. K.G. Vasudevan, Formerly Conservator of Forests, touching his conduct during the period he had worked as Conservator of Forests, Trichur and also regarding the truthfulness of the evidence deposed by him before the Commission. Government after examining the report of the Commission felt that there was a prima facie case of serious misconduct and grave irregularities on the part of Sri. Vasudevan, warranting initiation of disciplinary specific charges against him and obtained his written statement of defence.

“THAT you, Sri.KG. Vasudevan, while functioning as Conservator of Forests, Trichur have unauthorisedly and with ulterior motives introduced a report written by Sri. K Balaraman. Range Officer, Mobile Party, Trichur dated 22.4.1974 in file No. Kt.4456/74 of the officer of the Conservator of Forests, Trichur as if to appear that such a report had been received by you on 21.4.1974 itself while in fact no such report has been received in the said file on 21.4.1974. Your conduct above mentioned is dishonest and constitutes failure on your part to keep integrity and devotion to duty and thus you have violated Rule 3 of the Kerala Government Servants’ Conduct Rules.

You Sri K.G. Vasudevan Committed a serious misconduct of giving false evidence before a legally constituted Tribunal authorized to take evidence on oath . You were examined as CW7 before Mr. Justice Balakrishna Earadi, who was functioning as the one Man Commission to enquire into certain allegations against the Minister for Finance and Forests.

During the Course of your examination before the Commission, you stated that you held no discussion at all about the effect of the stay order issued by the go Government on 1.2.1972 staying the action of the Divisional Forest Officer, Malayattur in canceling the contract entered into between one Sri. K.M. Ali and the Divisional Forest Officer, Malayattur at Trichur on 9.2.1972 with the Chief Conservator of Forests Sri. P T Devassy and you also stated that you had not been given any instruction by the Chief Conservator of Forests, not to proceed in the matter until classification was obtained from the Government. You have also stated in the said testimony that you did not have any discussion with the then Honourable Minister for Finance and Forests at Trichur in February 1972. It is seen from the evidence given by Sri. P.T Devassy, the Chief Conservator of Forests as Cw 6 that your testimony as aforesaid is absolutely false. The Chief Conservator of Forests has categorically stated in his evidence that the discussed the matter regarding the order of stay issued by

the Government canceling the contract between Sri. K.M. Ali and Divisional Forest Officer, Malayattur and that the Chief Conservator gave a instructions to you not to proceed in the matter until clarification was received from the Government. The Chief Conservator has also deposed that you told him that you had met the then Minister for Finance and Forests, and that he agreed with your interpretation of the stay orders. It is quite clear from this. That you gave false evidence before a Commission appointed under the commission of Inquiries Act, 1952 and who is competent to the discharge of your official duties.

2. Government examined the written statement of defence submitted by Sri. K.G. Vasudevan and found it unsatisfactory. Government, therefore, considered that the charges against him should be proceeded with an enquired into in details under the Kerala Civil Services (Disciplinary proceedings Tribunal) Rules 1960 and they ordered accordingly in G.O. Rt. 141/78/Vig. dated 11.9.1978

3.. In the meantime Sri. K.G. Vasudevan retired from service in July 1977. Therefore it was ordered that the disciplinary proceedings initiated against him would be deeded to be under Rule 3 Part III K S R and would be continued under that rule.

4 The Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings. Trivandrum who conducted the enquiry has forwarded his report to Government with his findings and recommendations. The Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings found that the accused officer is guilty of charge No.2 As regards punishment, the Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings has recommended that a sum of Rs.5/-p.m. may be reduced from the pension of the accused officer permanently since his conduct in giving false evidence before a legally constituted commission is a serious misconduct.

5 Government have examined the case in consultation with the Kerala Public Service Commission. They accept the findings of the Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings in the matter. As regards the recommendations of the Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings, in view of the fact that a Sri. K.G. Vasudevan has already retired on superannuation, Government order that no punishment is necessary.

(By Order of the Governor)

T.P. SREEDHARAN,

JOINT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To

Sri K.G. Vasudevan, Conservator of Forest (Retired)
The Chief Conservator of Forests, Trivandrum.

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Chief Conservator's Office
Trivandrum

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For Chief Conservator of Forests