

**GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
JAL SHAKTI DEPARTMENT
CIVIL SECRETARIAT, JAMMU/SRINAGAR**

Subject:- Reinstatement of Mr. Tarun Kumar Arora, the then Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Ground Water Drilling Division, Jammu.

**Government Order No. 104-JK (JSD) of 2023
Dated:- 16.05.2023**

Whereas, pending enquiry into the matter, Mr. Tarun Kumar Arora, the then Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Ground Water Drilling Division, Jammu was placed under suspension vide Government Order No. 139-JK(JSD) of 2022 dated 05.07.2022 on account of poor progress in installation of Mark-II Hand pumps including Survey, Investigations, DPR farming, Tendering and other related assignments; and

Whereas, vide Government Order No. 145-JK(JSD) of 2022 dated 08.07.2022, the I/c Superintending Engineer, PHE Circle (Mech.) Rural Jammu was appointed as Inquiry Officer to conduct an enquiry into the reasons for poor progress in installation of Mark-II Hand Pumps including Survey, investigations, DPR framing, tendering and other related assignments; and

Whereas, the Inquiry Officer vide his letter No. JSPHE/MC(R)/J/916 dated 15.07.2022 submitted the enquiry report with, inter alia, the following conclusion:

"In light of the above observations during the scrutiny of documents and written enquiries from the concerned officer, the overall performance of the Division in respect of installation of Mark-II Hand Pumps in Jammu province during the financial year 2021-22 has remained satisfactory except for District Rajouri and Poonch. The performance in the said districts suffered due to various reasons, bizarre natural climatic conditions in these two districts, paucity of time and lackadaisical approach of the firms executing the works. However as per available records regular follow up by the division/sub-division has been made to the defaulting firms. The comparatively lesser performance in two out of ten districts due to the reasons aforementioned should not attribute to the overall performance of the officer which had resulted in suspension."

Whereas, upon examining the enquiry report, the Inquiry Officer was requested to furnish specific recommendation as to whether Mr. Tarun Kumar Arora was responsible for poor progress in installation of Mark-II Hand Pumps and in response, the Inquiry Officer, vide his letter No. JSPHE/MC(R)/J/2346 dated 16.12.2022, has, in addition to the conclusions in the preceding para, recommended that, ".....the said officer may not be held responsible for poor progress in the said works and hence the charges against the officer may be dropped accordingly."

Whereas, the Competent Authority has considered the report of the Inquiry Officer and decided to uphold the recommendations of the Inquiry Officer and to drop the charges leveled against the charged officer.

Now, therefore, the charges leveled against Mr. Tarun Kumar Arora, the then Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Ground Water Drilling Division, Jammu, placed under suspension vide Government Order No. 139-JK(JSD) of 2022 dated 05.07.2022, are dropped and the officer is hereby reinstated with immediate effect. The period of his suspension, however, shall be decided separately under rules.

By Order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir

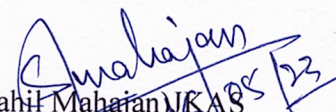
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**Principal Secretary to the Government
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No.JSD-HRM08/39/2022-US-JSD(CC-222656)

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4. Chief Engineer, PHE, Department, Jammu.
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