

**Government of Jammu and Kashmir**  
**Jal Shakti Department**  
**Civil Secretariat, Jammu/ Srinagar**

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Subject:- Regular Departmental Action against Sh. Amulia Ratan Bhardwaj, the then Executive Engineer, Irrigation Division, Anantnag (Verification No. APKS-19/2019) – closure thereof.

**Government Order No. 225-JK(JSD) of 2024**

**Dated:-10.10.2024**

1. Whereas, General Administration Department vide OM dated 03.10.2022 has forwarded a copy of communication No. ACB/Veri-APKS-19/2019-E-80592/10038-41 dated 12.05.2022 along with draft Article of Charges, Statement of Imputation & Gist of Evidences for initiation of Regular Departmental Action against Shri Amulia Ratan Bhardwaj, the then Executive Engineer, Irrigation Division Anantnag, in terms of J&K Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1956 and instructions issued vide Circular No. 24-JK(GAD) of 2021 dated 17.07.2021, for misappropriation of funds under Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) by way of ignoring the guidelines issued under the said Scheme; and

2. Whereas, Anti Corruption Bureau has intimated that a verification was conducted by that Bureau on the complaint lodged by citizens of Bijbehara against the officers/officials of Irrigation Division Anantnag for misappropriation of funds on account of above scheme. During the course of verification, it has been revealed that the detailed project report for improvement/construction of Darkhan Wohan Canal was formulated with a view to provide assured irrigation supplies to an area of 830 Hectares of land which can boost the economy of the area, with an estimated cost of Rs. 1629.87 lakhs. The said DPR was technically approved under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) and an amount of Rs. 690.28 lakhs was spent on execution of different works till ending 2017. However, from 2017 to 2019 the works to the tune of Rs.611.55 lakh were advertised under the said scheme, but the allotted cost was raised without following the procedure and in violation of codal formalities to an amount of Rs.858.48 lakhs by way of allotments/extensions over advertised cost. 11 No of works were randomly checked by the Anti Corruption Bureau, which reveals that the allotments for such works were issued at 11% to 12% over the advertised amount; and

3. Whereas, the Anti Corruption Bureau in its report has also mentioned that there is no loss has been caused to Government exchequer nor any additional work has been executed. However, Anti Corruption Bureau, based on the findings have raised the following observations and recommended the Regular Departmental Action against Shri Amulia Ratan Bhardwaj, the then Executive Engineer, Irrigation Division Anantnag:-

- i. As per revelations, there appears violation of codal procedures in some works as were executed without tendering on the basis of approval/authorization issued by Executive Engineer.
- ii. The allotted cost was raised/exceeded over the advertised amount in works in violation of procedure.



- iii. The works are found in satisfactory condition.
- iv. The advance payments were released to SICOP for the crates so received.

4. Whereas, the case was examined in the Department and accordingly, vide Memorandum dated 15.04.2023, Article of Charges, Statement of Imputation & Gist of Evidences were served to the charged officer with the direction to furnish his written statement within 15 days. The summary of charges framed against the officer are as under:-

*From the year 2017 to 2019 the works amounting to Rs. 611.55 lacs were advertised under the said scheme but allotted cost was raised without following the procedure and in violation of codal formalities to an amount of Rs. 858.48 lacs by way of allotments/extensions over advertised cost without obtaining the Technical Sanction and Administrative Approvals from the concerned quarters.*

5. Whereas, vide letter No. JKWRR/SE/01-02 dated 24.04.2023, the officer furnished his reply to the charges levelled against him, and upon examination in the department, with the approval of the Competent Authority, Inquiry Officer was appointed vide Govt. Order No. 108-JK(JSD) of 2023 dated 18.05.2023 to conduct inquiry into the matter; and

6. Whereas, the Inquiry Officer, vide letter No. CE/UEED/PS/1798 dated 14.09.2023, has submitted the enquiry report and while observing that the mode of award of work was a response to an urgent need rather than an abuse of official position, the rates were not exorbitantly high or unreasonable, and there was no merit in charging the Executive Engineer with misuse of his position, recommended that the charges leveled against the then Executive Engineer be dropped as none of the allegations leveled against the officer were proved; and

7. Whereas, the case was examined in the department and the report of the Inquiry Officer was placed before the Competent Authority who has accepted the recommendations and decided that the charges levelled against the charged officer be dropped and the case be closed at the Departmental level.

8. Now, therefore, in view of the above, the charges levelled against Shri Amulia Ratan Bhardwaj, the then Executive Engineer, Irrigation Division Anantnag, (now retired I/c Superintending Engineer) are hereby dropped and the instant case (Verification No. APKS-19/2019) is closed at the departmental level.

  
**By Order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.**

Sd/-

(Shaleen Kabra) IAS

**Financial Commissioner /Additional Chief Secretary,  
Jal Shakti Department**

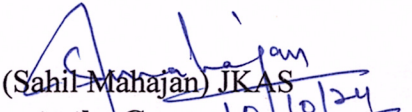
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Dated:-10.10.2024

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2. Commissioner/Secretary to the Government, General Administration Department.
3. Director, Anti Corruption Bureau, J&K.

4. Director Finance, Jal Shakti Department, J&K.
5. Chief Engineer, Jal Shakti (I&FC) Department, Kashmir.
6. Director, Archives, Archaeology and Museums, J&K.
7. Secretary, JK WRA.
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