

**Government of Jammu and Kashmir**  
**Home Department**  
Civil Secretariat, Jammu/Kashmir

**Subject: Departmental inquiry against Sh. Mohan Lal, SSP (the then Addl. SP, Katra) - Closure thereof.**

**References:**

- i. Letter No. Legal/GB-104/J/2020/15763 dated 15.03.2021, of Police Headquarters, J&K.
- ii. U.O.No.GAD-VIGORDA/123/2023-02-GAD (C.No.7358429) dated 18.03.2024 of General Administration Department.

**Government Order No. : 226-Home of 2024**  
**Dated : 22.05.2024**

Whereas, on recommendation of Director General of Police, J&K, the departmental inquiry was initiated against Sh. Mohan Lal, SSP, the then Additional Superintendent of Police, Katra, in terms of the Jammu and Kashmir Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1956, for his failure to appear as a prosecution witness in the trials of the case FIR No.54/2013, registered u/s 8/20 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, in Police Station, Katra, despite repeated summons by the Hon'ble Court, leading to the acquittal of the accused; and,

2. Whereas, in terms of Rule 33 of J&K Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal), Rules, 1956, the Competent Authority approved initiation of Departmental proceedings against Sh. Mohan Lal, the then Additional Superintendent of Police, Katra on 27.08.2023; and,

3. Whereas, vide Memorandum bearing No.Home-PG/120/2021(CC13444) dated 18.09.2023, Articles of Charge alongwith the Statement of Imputations and other connected documents, was served upon Sh. Mohan Lal, the then Additional Superintendent of Police, Katra, for submitting a written statement of defence within a period of 21 days; and,

4. Whereas, the charged officer in the reply/written statement of defence dated 09.10.2023, had refuted the charges levelled against him and had requested for providing an opportunity of being heard in person; and,

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5. Whereas, the charged officer was heard in person on 23.11.2023, by the Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary), Home Department and the officer had also submitted written statement in this regard on the same day; and,

6. Whereas, on examination of the reply/written statement of defence submitted by Sh. Mohan Lal, the then Additional Superintendent of Police, Katra, it was observed that the charged officer had received only 02 notices regarding hearings on 20.03.2018 and 28.07.2018, to which he had appropriately responded to and he did not receive the notices/ dockets from the concerned Prosecuting Officer, as per the proceedings of the Trial Court, for the subsequent hearings between 25.08.2018 to 15.12.2018 in the Court. Further, there was no mention of the Charged officer in any of the above subsequent hearings asking him to appear before the Trial Court; and,

7. Whereas, Sh. Mohan Lal, SSP, responded to the notices issued to him to appear before the Trial Court when his name was mentioned in the communications received from the concerned Public Prosecutor. However, in the subsequent proceedings, the Charged Officer was not called/summoned to appear before the Trial Court, and therefore, any misconduct on his part, leading to the acquittal of the accused could not be established, and accordingly it was observed that the charges framed against him may be dropped and Department inquiry initiated against him needs to be closed; and,

8. Whereas, the matter was referred to General Administration Department for approval of the Competent Authority for closure of the departmental inquiry initiated against Sh. Mohan Lal, SSP, the then Addl. SP Katra, who vide their U.O No.GAD-VIGORDA/123/2023-02-GAD (C.No.7358429) dated 18.03.2024, conveyed approval of the Competent Authority, as under:

***“Returned. Approval of the Competent Authority is conveyed to the recommendations of the Department for closure of departmental inquiry initiated against Mr. Mohan Lal, SSP (the then Addl. SP Katra).  
The department is advised to take further necessary action in the matter, accordingly.”***

Now, therefore, in terms of Rule 33 of Jammu and Kashmir Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1956, the departmental inquiry initiated against Sh. Mohan Lal, the then Additional SP Katra, (Presently SO to ADGP, Railways J&K), is hereby closed.

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

**Sd/-**

**(Chandraker Bharti) IAS**

**Principal Secretary to the Government**

**Dated: 22.05.2024**

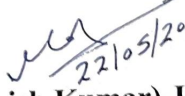
**No: Home-PG/120/2021 [CC-13444]**

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3. Director Archives, Archaeology and Museums, J&K.
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**(Monish Kumar) JKAS**  
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