## Government of Jammu and Kashmir Public Works (R&B) Department

Civil Secretariat, Srinagar/Jammu

Subject: Initiation of Regular Departmental Action against Er. Ghulam Qadir Pintoo, the then Executive Engineer, Mr. Nazir Ahmad, the then Assistant Accounts Officer, R&B Spl. Sub Division Bandipora, Er. Mohammad Shafi, the then AEE & Er Mohammad Amin, the then Junior Engineer, R&B Spl. Sub Division Bandipora (Verification No. SVO-VERI-BK-50/2009-13460 dated 11.11.2009)

Government order No. 295 PW(R&B) of 2024

Dated: 09 -10-2024

WHEREAS, the General Administration Department vide OM No. GAD (vig)141-GenI/2010 dated 19.10.2010, forwarded a copy of communication No. SVO/Veri-BK-50/09-4870-73 dated 02.08.2010 of Vigilance Organization (Now ACB) with the advice to initiate Regular Departmental Action against Er.Ghulam Qadir Pintoo, the then Executive Engineer, Er.Mohammad Shafi, the then AEE & Er.Mohammad Amin, the then JE, R&B Spl. Sub Division Bandipora;

AND WHEREAS, the State Vigilance Organization in the said communication had recommended as under:-

- "(1) A verification was conducted in R&B Spl.Sub. Division Bandipora by the State Vigilance Organization. During the course of Verification, the abutments constructed by the said Division on Nallah Papchan at Bandipora for Bailey Bridge were put into check. The verification reveals that an expenditure of Rs. 4.02 Lacs is shown to have been made for the construction of Abutments for the said bridge at Nalah Papchan at Bandipora as a diversion. The Diversion has become defunct now as the main Bridge stands executed on spot & the Decking of this temporary Bailey bridge also stands shifted from the spot.
- 2) During the verification, it was found that no departmental recoveries have been made for the materials issued by the Department except for 50 bags of cement for which the contractor has made cash payments. The departmental supplies i.e. 150 bags of cement & 120 Litres of rapidite has not been

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deducted by the concerned officials which needs to be recovered at an earliest as this amount has been paid in excess in favour of the contractor.

- (3) The new bridge has been inaugurated & the make shift bridge has been shifted, but still the Department has extended the contract to Rs.11.50 lacs without any reason for which the papers have not been made available.
- (4) A regular departmental enquiry be initiated against the subjects for not deducting the departmental supplies from bill despite the fact that AEE & JE concerned has mentioned in the bill for such deduction. A recovery of the amount in respect of 120 litres of rapidite & 150 bags of cement be made from them.
- (5) During the course of verification, it has been further revealed that the contract of the instant work is still open since 2007, the Junior Engineer & Assistant Executive Engineer had prepared a fictitious bill as CC II for Rs. 6.00 Lacs in addition to the amount of Rs.4.02 Lacs paid earlier. However, due to intervention of State Vigilance organization the bill could not be drawn by them. A departmental action be initiated against Er. Mohammad Shafi the then AEE R&B Spl. Sub Division Bandipora & Er. Mohammad Amin the then JE for preparing a repeat bill for the same Bailey bridge which has already been paid. You may also ensure that the CC 2 nd bill is not drawn by the said Division at any time."

AND WHEREAS, the case was examined in the Department and vide Government Order No. 309-PW(R&B) of 2010 dated 20.10.2010, Er. Ishtiyaq Ahmad Hamal, Joint Development Commissioner (Works) was appointed as Inquiry officer to conduct a Departmental Inquiry against the subjects for not deducting the Departmental supplies from the bill, despite the fact that the AEE & JE concerned had mentioned in the bill for such deductions;

AND WHEREAS, the report submitted by the Inquiry Officer was examined in the Department and the case was referred to Development Commissioner Works for comments. The Development Commissioner (Works) vide letter No. PW(DCW/DB/1378-80/20 dated 23.09.2020 took up the matter with Chief Engineer PW (R&B) Department Kashmir, requesting him to communicate the status of the work in question as of date, as to whether the said outstanding amount of Rs.

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57,600/- had been liquidated or otherwise, as was reported by State Vigilance Organization. An amount of Rs 57, 600/- was shown recoverable from the contractors work done claim for "Construction of two numbers of abutments of 1x70 feet span Bailey Bridge for temporary level diversion on Papchan side in KM 54 over Papchan Nallah of Sumbal Bandipora Sonerwani road", in which an amount of Rs 4.497 lacs was shown paid in favor of the contractor against an allotted cost of Rs 5.26 Lacs. However, the departmental supplies viz Cement and Rapidite amounting to Rs. 57,600/- had not been found deducted from the contractor's claim.

AND WHEREAS, the Chief Engineer PW(R&B) Kashmir vide communication No. CE/RBK/ADM/16395-97 dated 27.10.2020 reported that the departmental stores had been recovered in full and nothing remained outstanding against the work on account of the stores. Based on report of the Chief Engineer, the Development Commissioner (Works) (Now E.I.C) recommended that the allegations leveled against the delinquent officers/officials may be dropped with a warning to remain vigilant/cautious to avoid such recurrence in the future as the amount on account of the departmental store had been fully liquidated;

**AND WHEREAS**, the case was examined further in the Department in light of the findings of the Inquiry Officer and the observations of Engineer-In-Chief of the Department. However, the competent authority after consideration of the matter observed that the allegations of preparation of a fictitious bill of Rs 6.00 Lacs in addition to the amount of Rs 4.02 lacs have not been addressed during inquiry and that the same may be clarified;

**AND WHEREAS**, as a sequel, the case was again referred to the Engineer-in-Chief, PW(R&B) Department for comments having regard to the observations of the competent authority. The Engineer-in-Chief, PW(R&B) Department, returned the case file with the comments that the observations have been examined <u>and it has such</u>, <u>apprehension of loss to exchequer has reportedly been avoided by the Drawing and Disbursing Officer</u>. The Engineer-In-Chief accordingly recommended that charges be dropped against the delinquent officers/officials;

**AND WHEREAS**, taking into account the recommendations of the Engineer-in-Chief, the case has been examined further in the Department and the matter was placed before the competent authority, who after due consideration decided to drop the charges leveled against Er. Ghulam Qadir Pintoo, the then Executive Engineer,

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Er. Mohammad Shafi, the then Assistant Executive Engineer & Er. Mohammad Amin, the then Junior Engineer, R&B Spl. Sub Division Bandipora and to close the regular departmental action (RDA) instituted against them.

**Now, therefore**, the charges leveled against Er. Ghulam Qadir Pintoo, the then Executive Engineer, Er. Mohammad Shafi, the then Assistant Executive Engineer & Er. Mohammad Amin, the then Junior Engineer, R&B Spl. Sub Division Bandipora, are hereby dropped and the Regular Departmental Action initiated against them is closed.

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

Sd/-

Dated: 09 .10.2024

(Bhupinder Kumar), IAS Secretary to the Government

No. PWD-HRM1/27/2022-05 [129956]

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