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FINANCE DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 26th June 2009

No. 30647—O.F.S.(C)-11/2009-F.—Whereas, Shri Purusottam Singh (No. II), o.f.s.-I (S.B.), Assistant Commissioner of Commercial Taxes (Appeal), Cuttack-I Range, Cuttack was caught red handed by the Vigilance Officer on the 18th March 2008 while accepting bribe of Rs. 2,000 from one Shri Prasant Kumar Panigrahi, Proprietor, M/s Kalpana Agencies, Pithapur, Cuttack assuring relief for disposal of appeal case No. 204/CUIW of 2006-2007 filed by Shri Panigrahi against the impugned order of assessment passed by S.T.O., Cuttack-I, West Circle. The bribe amount of Rs. 2,000 has been recovered from his possession and a vigilance case was registered against Shri Singh in Cuttack Vigilance P. S. Case No. 11, dated the 18th March 2008 u/s 13(2), r/w 13(1) (d) and Section 7 P.C. Act, 1988.

Whereas, Shri Singh was arrested and forwarded to the court on the 19th March 2008. The Hon'ble C.J.M., Cuttack remanded Shri Singh to jail custody till the 1st April 2008. Shri Singh has been put under suspension w.e.f. the date of detention, i.e. the 19th March 2008 by the Government vide F.D.O.O. No. 20199-F., dated the 10th April 2008 being detained in the jail custody for a period exceeding forty-eight hours in terms of Rule 12 (2) of the O.C.S. (C.C. & A.) Rules, 1962 and continuing under suspension.

Whereas, after completion of investigation, the Vigilance Organization charge-sheeted Shri Singh vide No. 11, dated the 19th May 2008 and the case was sent to stand his trial in the Court of Hon'ble Special Judge (Vigilance), Cuttack in T.R. Case No. 16/2008 corresponding to Cuttack Vigilance P.S. Case No. 11/2008 for offence committed by Shri Singh u/s 13(2), r/w 13(1)(d)/7 P.C. Act, 1988 (demand and acceptance of illegal gratification).

Whereas, after completion of the trial the Hon'ble Special Judge (Vigilance), Cuttack in his judgment on the 30th May 2009 held Shri Singh guilty for his offence, convicted and sentence him to undergo rigorous imprisonment for one year and to pay fine of Rs. 20,000 (Rupees twenty thousand) and in default of payment of fine to undergo Rigorous Imprisonment (R.I.) for a further period of one month for offence u/s 7 P.C. Act and to undergo Rigorous Imprisonment (R.I.) for two years and pay a fine of Rs. 10,000 (Rupees ten thousand) and in default of payment of fine to undergo Rigorous Imprisonment (R.I.) for a further period of one month for the offence under Section 13(2), read with 13(1)(d) P.C. Act. The aforesaid sentences are to run concurrently.

And, whereas under the above circumstances the Government is satisfied that when a public servant, who is convicted of charges of corruption is allowed to continue to hold office, it would impair the morale of other persons manning such office. Consequently, that would erode the confidence of the people in such public institution besides demoralizing the other honest public servants who would either be the colleagues or subordinates of the convicted person. Hence, a corrupt public servant "convicted" should not be allowed to hold public office as per provisions under Article 311 of the Constitution of India. The objectionable conduct of Shri Purusottam Singh acting as Asst. Commissioner of Commercial Taxes (Appeal), Cuttack-I Range, Cuttack (now under suspension) are serious in nature affecting public administration and as such, he is liable to be dismissed from service.

State Government are, therefore, pleased to dismiss Shri Purusottam Singh, (No. II), O.F.S.-I (S.B.), Asst. Commissioner of Commercial Taxes (Appeal), Cuttack-I Range, Cuttack from service forthwith under Rule 13, read with Rule 18 of the O.C.S. (C.C.A.) Rules, 1962 and as per the provision under Art. 311 of the Constitution of India.

By order of the Governor

R. N. SENAPATI

Principal Secretary to Government