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Office Order

(Termination of Service Contract of Shri Ajay Kumar Singh, DPM, Madhepura.)

The SPM, Livestock was directed by the CEO, BRLPS to inquire into a complaint regarding large scale financial irregularity, being committed in Poultry Intervention in the Village Organizations (VOs) namely (1) Krishna Khalgaoon and (2) Krishna Sikatiya, Panchdeori block under Gopalganj district.

Their report indicated that large scale financial irregularities leading to misappropriation had been taking place. The report recommended action against the Manager Livelihoods Gopalganj, the BPM Panchdeori and the livelihood Specialist Panchdeori LHS.

These allegations of financial irregularities have been inquired into more than once by finance and thematic officials along with others, to arrive at a figure to determine the magnitude of the financial loss to the Bihar Rural Livelihoods Promotion Society.

Based on the initial report, Mr. Ajay Kumar Singh, the then District Project Manager (DPM), Gopalganj, currently posted at Madhepura as the DPM, had been awarded punishment of a strong warning along with forfeiture of one annual increment with cumulative effect and recovery of one third of the loss inflicted to the BRLPS since there had been two more employees who were also found responsible for misappropriating the project fund. (Loss was in the process of being firmed up.)

Several show cause notices had been issued to Mr. Ajay Kumar Singh, the then DPM, Gopalganj, currently posted as the DPM, Madhepura regarding irregularities committed by him in Poultry Intervention, like procurement of chicks, poultry feed & cages and maintenance of mother units in Panchdeori block of Gopalganj district and on other issues (Ref. Nos. BRLPS/PF/2459, BRLPS/PF/2504, BRLPS/EsttHR/148/18/200, BRLPS/Proj/Livestock/1087/17/158, BRLPS/PF/BRLP200493/1534, BRLPS/PF/BRLPS200493/4883, BRLPS/PROC/77/11/3222, BRLPS/PROC,77/11/Part ii/ 2692).

All inquiry committees reported that he, in collusion with some other accomplices, has been responsible for committing grave financial misconduct as described hereunder:

1. Inquiry committees exerted to firm up the amount misappropriated, and examine the fidelity of the UCs.
2. Committees enquired from the members of the aforesaid VOs and the members admitted that they have no knowledge regarding activities to be performed in poultry intervention.
3. The VO Members admitted that no Community Procurement processes or norms were followed, whether it was procurement of Cage, DOCs (Day old chicks), feed, vaccine and other related items in the whole process of Poultry Intervention.

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4. No consent of the members were obtained in respect of items to be purchased, quantity of the items to be purchased, suppliers from whom purchase was to be made, rate at which purchase is to be made etc.
5. The committee after verification found that the Utilization Certificates (UCs) involving Rs.21,18,928/- (Rs. Twenty-one lakh, eighteen thousand, nine hundred twenty-eight only) were not supported at all by the available documents or physical evidences on the ground and thus could not be accepted. The bills had been found to be overwritten, undated and without bill-numbers. Amount mentioned on the bills, UCs and the amount finally adjusted were conflicting with each other.
6. List of beneficiaries under poultry intervention was not available. Even entries in the DOC Distribution Register were fake. The signatures of a few members were obtained by the then BPM Mr. Sandeep Panday, LHS Mr. Jayant Shekhar and AC Mr. Amarjeet Kumar on instruction of the then DPM-cum-Manager Livestock, betraying the fiduciary relationship between members of VOs and the BRLPS.
7. Signatures of VO office bearers were obtained on blank cheque. Materials were procured from 11 non-existent suppliers that shows huge amount of misappropriation of fund.
8. The Inquiry Committee observed that other activities done by the aforesaid DPM was also highly irregular in respect financial matters. It was evident from the fact that he became in-charge of finance of 4 BPIUs without any approval from the SPMU.
9. Mr. Ajay Kumar Singh had been involved in other irregularities of financial nature too, like manipulation of the tender documents and thus vitiating the tender process and trying to show his presence by punching in the biometric attendance device while in reality he was not present.

Mr Ajay Kumar Singh, the then DPM submitted his reply but the same was unacceptable as the arguments tendered by him were factually and technically incorrect. He blamed the then Block Project Manager and Livelihood Specialist of Panchdeori, Gopalganj for inflicting financial loss to the Society. Being the DPM himself, such plea cannot be accepted, more so when he himself used to hold the charge of Manager Livelihoods for considerable period of time. Mr Ajay Kumar Singh, being the district head of the project and in-charge Livelihood Specialist cannot evade from his accountability and responsibility. Not only this but he was also found responsible for vitiating the procurement process, having financial clash of interest by directly supplying articles to the VOs and hiding whether those were procured after adopting any procedure and by directing above mentioned employees to do the wrongs and become his accomplice.

He was given ample opportunity to be heard and clarify himself but he failed to exonerate himself. He was granted a personal interview by the CEO, BRLPS to clarify his position as to why he marked his attendance fraudulently on biometric

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devices and also deceitfully manipulated the tender documents, besides misappropriation of funds in Poultry Intervention but he failed to clear himself.

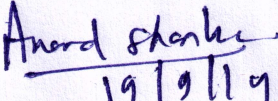
The facts on record make it abundantly clear that he spearheaded the group that included at least three other officials namely Mr. Jayant Shekhar, the then LHS, Panchdeori, presently in-charge BPM, Panchdeori, 2- Mr. Amarjeet Kumar, Area Coordinator and 3- Mr. Sandeep Panday, the then BPM Panchdeori, who has now separated from this organization, in committing the misappropriation of fund.

Thus it is clear that he has violated the provisions under para 13, *Personal Conduct & Accountability of staff* and rendered himself liable to disciplinary action. At the end of the disciplinary action, he has been found guilty of committing Grave Misconduct under Para (b)-1, 3, 6, 12, 13, 15, 17 of the BRLPS HRD Manual.

He has been given opportunity to clarify himself but failed to do the same. Hence service contract Mr. Ajay Kumar Singh, the then DPM, Gopalganj, currently posted as the DPM, Madhepura, with the BRLPS is terminated with immediate effect.

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