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JAMMU MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

TOWN HALL, JAMMU



The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Jammu.

No: JMC/Accts./206-10

Dated: 17-04.2023

Subject: Request for immediate disallowing of the engagement of additional manpower.

Sir,

Your kind attention is invited towards the communiqué that was flashed to all the existing outsourcing firms vide letter No. JMC/Accts/6251-72 dated 25.02.2023 by the undersigned regarding refraining from any further engagements of additional manpower (with copy duly endorsed to your goodself too) in response to the fresh engagement orders that were blatantly issued without any financial concurrence. The said stricture was issued in the backdrop of the fact that the budget received by JMC is for the defined/existing manpower only and putting extra burden on govt. exchequer by these engagements especially when there is a blanket ban already imposed in 2015 Vide no. A/MISC/2015/-364 dated 17.03.2015 by Finance Department followed by Circular No. 30-GAD of 2019 dated 24.05.2019 by GAD, is purely a gross violation of the standing instructions.

Pertinent to state that the agenda was discussed in Finance and Planning Committee on 15.04.2023 where the undersigned voiced the concern and impossibility of facilitating the said engagement in view of the facts envisaged above. Regretful to say, that the Hon'ble Mayor in front of the Hon'ble Corporators and staff attempted to undermine the authority of the undersigned and did not even let me put the facts forthwith to arrive at any plausible conclusion which is totally unacceptable and derogatory to the dignity of the undersigned. Contrarily, a go-ahead was given to the said agenda without any discussion out antagonistic rightly to the decorum of any meeting.

Imperative to state that your worthy chair is already aware about the budgetary limitations and the undersigned in the capacity of being the guardian of govt. exchequer as well as Departmental Vigilance Officer (DVO) feels coerced to disallow any such practice that goes against the financial norms, the details of which will be notified to the Administrative Department as well as Finance Department too. The numerous complaints regarding the unauthorised recruitments stand already in your notice which solicits immediate cognizance and consequent action as such complaints have already hinted as well as advocated towards the implying consequence of breeding nexus of corruption in JMC which is definitely not

viable in the large interests of the smooth functioning and deliverance of blemish free services to the public.

Nevertheless, no act advocates flouting of the norms envisaged by Govt. and present state of affairs merely implies the deliberate misinterpretation of facts to fuel and safeguard the personal interests of the people hell bent upon to besmirch the reputation of JMC.

Imperative to state the Administrative Department as well as ACB has already conveyed its reservation over the excess-manpower already engaged for which prudence in utilisation of funds from GIA is expected and to be ensured as a compliance since JMC is exclusively dependent on Government for Grant-in-Aid in absence of which the survival will be non-sustainable.

High time after having apprised previously as well as now about all the pros and cons of the matter, you are therefore requested to kindly discourage this mayhem of unabated recruitments and exercise an option of rationalising the existing manpower as per the requirement or else refer the matter to Administrative Department for the necessary instructions in the matter. Would like to reiterate that compulsively, the undersigned maintains the stance of the instructions issued to the outsourcing firms already that no wages will be paid for any additional manpower engaged whatsoever.

Yours faithfully



Shiwani Bhan, JKAS
Chief Accounts Officer,
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