

**Government of Jammu and Kashmir,
Directorate of Agriculture, Kashmir.**

Subject: Misuse of official position-----Enquiry/attachment thereof.

Agriculture Order No:359/Estt of 2018.

D A T E D : 22/ 12 / 2018.

- Whereas, Sh. Showkat Hussain Mir has been working as I/C Agriculture Extension Officer, Bugroo, Budgam w.e.f. 02/2018 in Zone Bugroo Sub Division Khanshaib for carrying out mandated activities within his area of jurisdiction and;
- Whereas, Sh. Showkat Hussain Mir has been using his office portfolio for making unsubstantiated accusation against the department in general and officers/officials working in the Sub Division in particular which not only has brought disrepute to the credibility of the department but also has made dent in the required progression of various schemes implemented by the government for the welfare of the farmers.
- Whereas, Sh. Showkat Hussain Mir had earlier made an attempt to discredit his officer namely Sh. Aijaz Hassan SDAO Khansahib by lodging complaint against him which was verified by CAO Budgam vide his No: CAO/plan/662-63, dated: 22.09.2018 and was proved to be beyond the scope of reality and resumably the complaint was found based on personal vendetta and accordingly instructions were circulated vide Circular issued under No: Agri/PS/2018-19/2239-74, dated: 01.10.2018 not to take any action in respect of anonymous complaints containing vague allegations and;
- Whereas, Sh. Showkat Hussain Mir has made unscrupulous attempt by degrading the departmental credibility related to departmental sale outlet opened for the welfare of farming community by uploading on facebook without any authorization in violation of Rule 13 (3) of the J&K Government Employees (Conduct) Rules-1971 which reads as:

“No Government employee shall, by any utterance, writing or otherwise discuss or criticise in public or in any meeting of any association or body any policy pursued or action taken by the Government nor shall he in any manner participate in any such discussion or criticism”.

- Whereas, as per the guidelines on the usage of social media by Government Employees notified by the Govt. vide Govt. Order No: 1646-GAD of 2017, dated: 26.12.2017 every govt. employees has been restricted not to engage in criminal, infamous, dishonest, immoral or notoriously disgraceful conduct or other conduct on social media prejudicial to the Government.
- Whereas, Sh. Showkat Hussain has violated the Employees Conduct Rules 1971 and and the guidelines notified by the Govt. vide Govt. Order No: 1646-GAD of 2017, dated: 26.12.2017, though he was himself responsible for making sale outlets functional at various points of time for the convenience of the farmers but negligence of the official has jeopardized the departmental progression initiated for welfare of the farming community in his area of jurisdiction which not only is an unbecoming of Govt. Employee but a criminal act by making breach in assigned mandated responsibilities for farmers welfare.

Now therefore, In view of the above, pending enquiry into the matter Sh. Showkat Hussain Mir I/C Agriculture Extension Officer, Bugroo, Budgam is hereby kept attached with this Directorate. Sh. Fida Iqbal Floriculturist is appointed as an enquiry officer to investigate into the matter in light of Rule 13(3) of the J&K Government Employees (Conduct) Rules 1971 and the guidelines notified by the Govt. vide Govt. Order No: 1646-GAD of 2017, dated: 26.12.2017 and will furnish his findings to this Directorate within a period of 10 days for initiating disciplinary action against the erring Officer.

Sd/-
(Altaf Aijaz Andrabi)
Director Agriculture
Kashmir.

No.Agri/Gaz/Estt/2018-19/4069-71.

Dated: 22/12/2018.

Copy to the:

1. Chief Agriculture Officer Budgam for information & n/action.
2. Sh. Fida Iqbal I/c Floriculturist for compliance.
3. Pvt. Secretary to Commissioner/ Secretary to Govt. Agriculture Production Deptt. Civil Sectt. Jammu for information of Commissioner/ Secretary APD.