



Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Home Department
Civil Secretariat

Subject: Departmental enquiry against Traffic Police Officers.

Government Order No.1021 - Home of 2019
Dated.11.10.2019

Whereas, the PHQ recommended to initiate a departmental enquiry against following officers of Traffic Police, J&K, for alleged lapses/dereliction of their duties which led to mismanagement of traffic on Jammu-Srinagar National Highway on 20th and 21st of January, 2017:-

- i. *Shri Sanjay Kumar Kotwal, SSP (the then SSP NHW).*
- ii. *Shri Safdar Hamid Hassan Samoon, Dy.SP (the then Dy.SP Traffic NHW).*
- iii. *Shri Nihar Ranjan, Dy.SP (the then Dy.SP Traffic NHW).*

2. Whereas, Shri Ahfadul Mujtaba, IPS, IGP Armed, Kashmir who was appointed as Inquiry Officer, vide Government Order No.148-Home of 2018 dated 05.02.2018, in the matter, submitted the enquiry report, inter-alia, stating that the event was caused by inclement weather and recommending exoneration of the aforementioned officers as they were neither negligent in performance of their duties nor was there any dereliction of duties; PHQ has concurred with the findings /recommendations of the enquiry officer. These findings/recommendations have been examined in the Home Department.

4. Now, therefore, with the approval of the Competent Authority, the following officers are hereby exonerated from the charges regarding lapses/dereliction of duties for mismanagement of traffic on Jammu-Srinagar National Highway on 20th and 21st of January, 2017 and accordingly the enquiry instituted, vide Government Order 148-Home of 2018 dated 05.02.2018, is hereby closed:

- i. *Shri Sanjay Kuamr Kotwal, SSP (the then SSP NHW).*
- ii. *Shri Safdar Hamid Hassan Samoon, Dy.SP (the then Dy.SP Traffic NHW).*
- iii. *Shri Nihar Ranjan, Dy.SP (the then Dy.SP Traffic NHW).*

By order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.

Sd/-

(Shaleen Kabra) IAS


Principal Secretary to Government

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Copy to the: -

1. Financial Commissioner to the Hon'ble Governor.
2. Director General of Police, J&K, Srinagar.
3. Director Anti Corruption Bureau, J&K, Srinagar.
4. Director Archives, Archaeology & Museums, J&K.
5. OSD to Hon'ble Advisor (K), J&K.
6. Secretary, J&K Public Service Commission.
7. Concerned Officers.
8. Private Secretary to Principal Secretary to Government, Home Department.
9. Incharge website, Home Department.
10. Government order file/Stock file.

 11.10.19.

(Rashid Raina) KAS
Under Secretary to Government