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To,
The Chief Secretary
Government of Karnataka
Bangalore-560001

Date: 05 August 2011

Sir,

Subject: Posting non-IFS officers in IFS cadre posts- regd.

Reference: 1. Government order no. DPAR 31 SFP Bangalore,
Dated 28-04-11 regarding keeping certain IFS
cadre posts in abeyance.
2. Letter dated 01-06-11, 07-06-11 and 08-06-11 of the
IFS Association, Karnataka on the captioned subject.
3. Government notification no. DPAR 43 SFP 2011
dated 3.6.2011
4. Government notification no. DPAR 39 SFP 2011
dated 22.7.2011

Certain IFS (Indian Forest Service) cadre posts were identified and temporarily kept in abeyance vide Government order dated 28 April 2011 mentioned above. The said government order was made as per the decision of the Cadre Review Committee headed by Additional Chief Secretary, which while considering the cadre review proposal for IFS in Karnataka decided to keep the cadre post in abeyance than removing them from cadre. This was done in view of the sensitive nature of cadre posts and because such a precedence in IFS was likely to result in similar demand in IAS and IPS, which as per the Committee was not desirable keeping in view the tenets of the Constitution that has with specific intent provided for the All India Services (IAS, IPS and IFS) in the country.

In the above background, and in view of information regarding certain non-IFS officers trying to get posted in IFS cadre posts not kept in abeyance, the IFS Association, Karnataka had vide letter dated 1 June 2011 mentioned above brought the matter to your kind attention with a request to ensure that the sanctity of the government order dated 28 April 2011 is maintained and no non-IFS officer is posted in the IFS cadre posts that are not kept in abeyance.

However to the utmost surprise of the Association, on 3 June 2011 a non-

select non-IFS officer was posted to Sirsi Forest Division (Reference 3 above) which was an IFS cadre post not kept in abeyance and hence could not have been occupied by a non-IFS officer. The PCCF (HOFF) also had given effect to the said posting order by issuing necessary Movement Order facilitating the non-cadre officer to take charge of the post.

The Association brought this violation of government order to the notice of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) by meeting him in person followed by a written request vide letter dated 7 June 2011 of the Association) to set the anomaly right by referring the matter to the government for revised orders, duly bringing the government order dated 28 April 2011 to their notice. A copy of the letter dated 7 June 2011 addressed PCCF (HOFF) was also submitted to your kindness for consideration. Further in view of the seriousness and urgency of the matter another letter dated 8 June 2011 was addressed directly to your kindness. The outcome of all the above mentioned letters are awaited and meanwhile the said non-IFS officer is continuing in IFS cadre post at Sirsi Forest Division, against the provisions laid down in the All India Service Act and Rules.

Further, even while the above mentioned anomaly could be remedied, another non-select non-IFS officer has been posted in an IFS cadre post of Kundapur Forest Division vide reference 4 above. The repeated legal and deserving requests and representations by the Association have been completely disregarded by the Government.

Kundapur and Sirsi Forest Divisions are located in Western Ghats (which is one of the 34 hotspots of biodiversity identified world over) and are some of the most sensitive forest divisions from biodiversity and other ecological services point of view in the state. By no stretch of imagination post of a forest divisions like Kundapur and Sirsi Forest Divisions, which encompasses ecologically most fragile and rich Western Ghats areas could be shortlisted for temporarily keeping in abeyance.

Besides, as per the Rules laid down in this regard, non-cadre officers from select list can only be posted temporarily in cadre posts upto a maximum period of six months. If non-cadre officers other than the select list are to be posted in cadre

posts, concurrence of the Central Government and the Union Public Service Commission are required. However, non-select non-cadre officers are being posted in cadre posts arbitrarily, in contravention of the provisions and spirit of the of All India Service as enshrined in our Constitution and AIS Act and Rules.

IFS Association, Karnataka regrets this action of the government with a sense of utmost disbelief and deceit. In matter of transfers/posting where within the laid down rules and procedures the government has total jurisdiction, the Association is left guessing about the inappropriate factors behind such orders. ***Kindly note that the Association is aware of other similar posting proposals of non-IFS officers which are under consideration of the government; the same must be immediately rejected.***

Furthermore, it is submitted that the government after due consideration of availability of officers at DCF level had made the order dated 28 April 2011 whereby certain posts meant for IFS cadre officers were temporarily kept in abeyance. As a consequence of the said government order the actual status of cadre posts at DCF level and availability of IFS officers to man them is as given hereunder.

Table-1

POSTS AT DCF LEVEL				
1	DCF, Gulbarga Division	28	DCF, Mandya Division	
2	DCF, Ghataprabha Division, Gokak	29	DCF, Kollegal Division	
3	DCF, Belgaum Division	30	DCF, Kolar Division	
4	DCF, Bagalkot Division	31	DCF, Bangalore Urban Division	
5	DCF, Bellary Division	32	DCF, Wildlife Division, Dandeli	
6	DCF, Chitradurga Division	33	DCF, Wildlife Division, Shimoga	
7	DCF, Bidar Division	34	DCF, Bhadra Wildlife Division	
8	DCF, Dharwad Division	35	DCF, Wildlife Division, Karkala	
9	DCF, Haliyal Division	36	DCF, Wildlife Division, Hunsur	
10	DCF, Yellapur Division	37	DCF, Project Tiger, Bandipur	
11	DCF, Sirsi Division	38	DCF, Wildlife Division, Chamarajnagar	
12	DCF, Karwar Division	39	DCF, Cauvery Wildlife Division	
13	DCF, Honnavar Division	40	DCF, Bannerghatta National Park	
14	DCF, Sagar Division	41	DCF, Wildlife Division, Madikeri	
15	DCF, Shimoga Division	42	DCF Headquarters	
16	DCF, Bhadravati Division	43	DCF, Bangalore Rural Division	<i>Abeyance</i>
17	DCF, Chikamagalur Division	44	DCF, Davangere Division	<i>Abeyance</i>
18	DCF, Haveri Division	45	DCF, Gadag Division	<i>Abeyance</i>
19	DCF, Hunsur Division	46	DCF, Koppal Division	<i>Abeyance</i>
20	DCF, Koppa Division	47	DCF, Bijapur Division	<i>Abeyance</i>
21	DCF, Kundapur Division	48	DCF, Raichur Division	<i>Abeyance</i>
22	DCF, Mangalore Division	49	DCF, Forest Mobile Squad, Belgaum	<i>Abeyance</i>
23	DCF, Virajpet Division	50	DCF, Forest Mobile Squad, Sirsi	<i>Abeyance</i>
24	DCF, Madikeri Division	51	DCF, Forest Mobile Squad, Shimoga	<i>Abeyance</i>
25	DCF, Hassan Division	52	DCF, Forest Mobile Squad, Madikeri	<i>Abeyance</i>
26	DCF, Tumkur Division	53	DCF, Zilla Panchayat, Tumkur	<i>Abeyance</i>
27	DCF, Mysore Division	54	DCF, Zilla Panchayat, Kolar	<i>Abeyance</i>
55 DCF Development (<i>This post is in abeyance; in lieu of this, post of CF Development created</i>)				

Table-2

OFFICERS AT DCF LEVEL			
1	Puneet Pathak	24	Karunakar P B
2	Vijay Ranjan Singh	25	Gaonkar D.S
3	Anil Kumar Ratan	26	S.Manikandan
4	V.Geethanjali	27	Mallesh B B
5	B.D.Prasanna Kumar	28	Manjunath R.Chavan
6	K.M.Narayanaswamy	29	Heeralal T
7	Manoj Kumar	30	Ambadi Madhav
8	Srinivasalu	31	B.Venkatesh
9	Gokul.R	32	O.Palaiah
10	Ashwini Kumar Singh	33	R.Ravishankar
11	Saswati Mishra	34	Prachi Gangwar (<i>deputation to Uttarakhand</i>)
12	Bishwajit Mishra	35	Devaraj.N
13	Vipin Singh	36	Prakash.S.Netalkar
14	Vanashree Vipin Singh	37	Sunil Panwar
15	Venkatesan.S	38	Hanumanthappa K.T
16	Uendra Pratap Singh	39	Takhat Singh Ranawat
17	Manoj. R	40	Dr.R.Raju
18	Lingaraju S.S.	41	H.S.S.Murthy
19	Udapudi K.D	42	Vasantha Reddy K.V
20	Kantharaju H.C.	43	Dr. Ramesh kumar
21	Manojkumar Tripathi	44	Dr. Malathipriya
22	Vinay Kumar K H	45	G.C.Hosur
23	Vijay Kumar	46	Gnana Prakash T

In view of the details given above, it is reiterated that adequate number of IFS Officers are available to man the IFS cadre posts that are not kept in abeyance.

Your kind self may therefore be pleased to remedy the situation most urgently by reviewing posting of non-IFS officers in Sirsi Forest Division, Kundapur Forest Division and also Madikeri Forest Division and instead posting IFS officers in these posts. And, the instances of posting non-IFS officers in IFS cadre posts that are not kept in abeyance must kindly be avoided.

Yours faithfully

(Vinay Luthra)