

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERAL OF
REGISTRATION AND STAMPS: GUNTUR
Present: Dr.V.Pushpalatha, M.Sc., Ph.D.,

Proccgs.No.A1/1196/2016

Dt. 9.11.2017

Sub: P.S. - Registration and stamps Department - Sri B.Ashok, Joint Sub Registrar-I, R.O. Guntur - Failed to file the annual property Statements for the years 2008 to 2014 - Disciplinary proceedings Initiated under Rule 22 of A.P.C.S.(C.C.&A) Rules, 1991 - Charge Memo issued - Explanation received - Final orders - Issued - Reg.

Ref: 1) D.R. Guntur letter No.E1/2395/2016 Dt. 25.9.2016
2) D.I.G.(R&S) Guntur charge memo No.A1/1196/2016 Dt. 9.1.2017
3) Explanation of the individual dt. 22.4.2017.

ORDER:

The District Registrar, Guntur vide reference 1st cited, has reported that Sri B.Ashok, Joint Sub Registrar-I, R.O. Guntur vide his representation dt 23.8.2016 requested to file statement of movable and immovable properties possessed, acquired/disposed by him during the period from 2008 to 2014. The District Registrar, Guntur further stated that as per Rule 9(7) of A.P.C.S.(Conduct) Rules, 1964 every Government employee has to submit the property statement to the concerned authority before 15th January of every year through proper channel, a declaration in the forms given in Annexure-I and II of all immovable /movable properties owned, acquired or inherited by him or held by him on lease or mortgage, either in his own name or in the name of any member of his family. Therefore, the District Registrar, Guntur has stated that Sri B.Ashok, Joint Sub Registrar-I, R.O. Guntur failed to file annual property statements during the period from 2008 to 2014 which is in contravention of Rule 9(7) of A.P.C.S.(Conduct) Rules, 1964. In compliance to the memo of this office vide memo No.A1/1196/2016 dt. 26.10.2016 to furnish the evidence if any in support of filing of annual property statements by Sri B.Ashok, Joint Sub Registrar-I, R.O. Guntur from 2008 to 2014 to the District Registrar, concerned, Sri B.Ashok, Joint Sub Registrar-I, R.O. Guntur vide his letter dt. 10.11.2016 stated that no evidence is available with him regarding filling of annual property statements for the period from 2008 to 2014. Therefore, it is found that Sri B.Ashok, Joint Sub Registrar-I, R.O. Guntur failed to file annual property statements for the period from 2008 to 2014 which is in contravention of Rule 9(7) of A.P.C.S. (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

After examining the report of the District Registrar, Guntur, the following charge framed under Rule 22 of A.P.C.S. (C.C.&A) Rules, 1991 against Sri B.Ashok, Joint Sub Registrar-I, R.O. Guntur.

ARTICLE OF CHARGE

That Sri B.Ashok, Joint Sub Registrar-I, R.O.Guntur failed to file the annual property statements for the period from 2008 to 2014 to the concerned District Registrar every year. As per Rule 9(7) of A.P.C.S.(Conduct) Rules, 1964, every Government employee has to submit the property statement to the concerned authority before 15th January of every year, a declaration in the forms given in the Annexure I and II of all immovable/movable properties owned, acquired or inherited by him or held by him on lease or mortgage, either in his own name or in the name of any member of his family. But Sri B.Ashok, Joint Sub Registrar-I, R.O.Guntur failed to file the annual property statements every year which is in violation of Rule 9(7) of A.P.C.S.(Conduct) Rules, 1964, which exhibits lack of integrity devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a public servant and in contravention of Rule 3 of A.P.C.S.(conduct) Rules, 1964.

Thus Sri B.Ashok, Joint Sub Registrar-I, R.O.Guntur by his above mentioned act has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a public servant in contravention of Rule 3 of A.P.C.S.(Conduct) Rules, 1964.


The charged officer submitted his explanation vide reference 3rd cited, stating the absence of entries in the service register does not indicate that the Sub Registrar has not filed property returns, but only indicate that the clerk of R.O.(A.B.) did not make entries. He further stated that the District Registrar, Guntur could have complied with his request dt. 23.8.2016 instead of taking a negative attitude that he did not submit the returns at all, and choosing to make a unilateral complaint against him that he did not submit the returns at all. He further stated that as subordinate officer, he could submit the returns to the District Registrar, but he cannot make the District Registrar to incorporate those entries in the service register upto the year 2014. He is not in the habit of obtaining evidence or proof from the District Registrar about the fact of filing of returns. He further stated that since the year 2015 he is obtaining written acknowledgment from the District Registrar since he was informed that the burden of proof rests with the registering officer, though it rests on the prosecution and not on the accused person. Therefore, he stated that he did not exhibit any lack of integrity, devotion to duty or conduct unbecoming of a public servant and requested to drop the further action.

After examining the explanation of the charged officer, and report of the District Registrar, Guntur, it is found that the charged officer failed to file the annual property statements for the years 2008 to 2014. The charged officer explanation itself amply establishes that he has no evidence or proof in filing the annual property statements to the concerned District Registrar from 2008 to 2014. If really the charged officer submitted the annual property statements, he would have produced the entries in dispatch register or other evidence in support of submission of annual property statements to the District Registrar concerned. The absence of evidence clearly establishes that the

charged officer failed to file the annual property statements from 2008 to 2014. The charged officer though being a public servant would have cautious and responsible, he contended in his explanation that it is the responsibility of the custodian of the service register to make entries in the service register, and such type of evasive explanation making the derogative remark on others is viewed with highly objectionable and strongly condemned.

The Deputy Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, Guntur, being the disciplinary authority after careful examination of the matter, hereby inflicts on Sri B.Ashok, Joint Sub Registrar-I, R.O.Guntur, a punishment of CENSURE under clause (i) of A.P.C.S. (C.C.&A) Rules, 1991.

The District Registrar, Guntur is requested to make necessary entries in the service register of the individual and report compliance


Deputy Inspector General of
Registration and stamps, 09/11/17
Guntur.

To
Sri B.Ashok, Joint Sub Registrar-I, R.O. Guntur
Through the D.R.Guntur.

Copy to the D.R.Guntur. He is requested to serve the orders

To the individual and resubmit the duplicate copy with his dated acknowledgment.

Copy submitted to the Director and Inspector General, Vijayawada for favour of
Kind information.

Copy to file.