



Government of Jammu & Kashmir
Department of Forest, Ecology & Environment
Civil Secretariat, J&K

Subject: Involvement of Shri Vinod Kumar Raina S/o Sh. Som Raina, R/o Kandikhas Tehsil Handwara District Kupwara, Watcher (MTS), Department of Wildlife Protection in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance (NDPS) case in FIR No. 329/2021-P/S Nagrota under sections 8/20 of NDPS Act. Dismissal from the service under Article-311(2) of the constitutions of India.

Government Order No: 173-JK (FST) of 2026
Dated: 12.08.2026

Whereas, Shri Vinod Kumar Raina, S/o Som Raina, R/o Kandikhas Tehsil Handwara District Kupwara, Watcher (MTS), Department of Wildlife Protection was involved in FIR No. 329/2021 P/S Nagrota U/s 8/20 of NDPS Act, in connection with the recovery of 300 gm of charas like substance and was arrested for narcotic-related crimes on 18.07.2021; and

Whereas, the official was placed under suspension by Wildlife Warden Jammu vide Forest order No. 144 of 2021-22 dated 27.07.2021 in terms of Rule 31 (2) of J&K Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules 1956; and

Whereas, Wildlife Warden, Headquarters, J&K vide No. CWW-Adm/10/2025-03/3070 dated 19.03.2025 served Memorandum, Articles of charges and Statement of Imputations to Shri Vinod Kumar Raina, Watcher (MTS) found involved in Narcotic Drugs with direction to furnish the written reply within 21 days; and

Whereas, PCCF(WL)/Chief Wildlife Warden, J&K vide Order No. 41-(WL) of 2026 dated 23.02.2026, appointed Sh. Vivek Verma, IFS Conservator of Forests, (Working Plan), as Inquiry Officer to enquire into the charges levelled against Sh Vinod Kumar Raina, Watcher, who was found involved in case pertaining to Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances; and

Whereas, Sh. Vivek Verma, IFS Conservator of Forests, also served Memorandum, Articles of charges and Statement of Imputations to Sh. Vinod Kumar Raina, Watcher, found involved in Narcotic Drugs with the direction to furnish the written reply of defence; and

Whereas, considering all the relevant facts on record, the Inquiry Officer has submitted the inquiry report on 29.05.2026 with the following findings:

The delinquent official was arrested on 18-07-2021 as FIR No. 329/2021 has been registered at Police Station Nagrota involving alleged recovery of approximately 300 grams of Charras like substance from his possession. The FSL report obtained during inquiry proceedings in the said case has confirmed that the recovered substance is "Charras." The Challan has been filed against the official in the Hon'ble Court in FIR No. 329/2021 by Police Station Nagrota and is presently under trial and no judgment has been passed in the matter till date.

Further, the Inquiry Officer also revealed that upon detailed examination of the statements of the delinquent official, witnesses, departmental records, FSL reports, judicial records, and other material made available during the course of inquiry, it has emerged that Sh. Vinod Kumar Raina, Watcher-MTS, has remained involved in repeated cases registered under the provisions of the NDPS Act. As per official police records, approximately 850 grams of Charras was allegedly recovered from his possession on 13-01-2014 and he was arrested in FIR No. 06/14 registered at Police Station Nowabad, Jammu under Sections 08/20/21 of the NDPS Act.

Whereas, the recommendations of the Inquiry Officer are as under: -

"The repeated involvement of the same government employee in two separate NDPS related cases involving recovery of narcotic substance cannot be treated as a mere coincidence or isolated occurrence. Such repeated conduct raises serious concerns regarding the integrity, conduct, and overall suitability of the delinquent official in public service, particularly in a department entrusted with protection of wildlife and public assets.

The conduct of Sh. Vinod Kumar Raina, viewed cumulatively in light of repeated arrests under NDPS Act provisions, recovery and scientific confirmation of Charras in the cases referred to above, his association with suspicious activities reflected during inquiry, and the material placed on record, amounts to conduct unbecoming of a government servant and constitutes deviation from the standards prescribed under the Jammu and Kashmir Civil Services Conduct Rules. Instead of becoming a model, disciplined, and committed public servant, the delinquent official has brought disrepute and embarrassment to the Wildlife Protection Department and the Government in general.

Accordingly, the matter is submitted before the competent disciplinary authority for consideration and for taking appropriate action under the relevant provisions of the Jammu and Kashmir Civil Services Rules, Conduct Rules, and other applicable disciplinary regulations, as deemed proper in the interest of maintaining integrity, discipline, and public confidence in government service."

Whereas, in view of findings, the case has also been endorsed by the PCCF(Wildlife) Chief Wildlife Warden J&K vide No: CWW-Adm/10/2025-03/83 dated: 09-06-2026 with the recommendations that appropriate action be considered against the official under the relevant provisions of the Jammu and Kashmir Civil Services Rules, Conduct Rules, and other applicable disciplinary regulations, with a view to maintain integrity, discipline, and public confidence in government service; and

Whereas, the matter has been examined in detail in the department and in light of the irrefutable evidence, police investigations, arrest, custodial detention pending criminal trial and the inquiry report, it is evident that Shri Vinod Kumar Raina, S/o Som Raina, R/o Kandikhas Tehsil Handwara District Kupwara, Watcher (MTS), Department of Wildlife Protection is engaged in illegal Narcotic activities and, therefore, his continued association with the government is untenable and highly detrimental to public interest; and

Whereas, when the whole society and Government machinery is fighting against drug menace, involvement of Government Employee in drug dealings is a very serious matter and compromises not only the reputation of government employees but also efforts of government to fight this serious social evil and hence, there is absolutely no scope of leniency against such elements; and

Whereas, Article 311(2) of the Constitution of India provides as under: -

311. Dismissal, removal or reduction in rank of persons employed in civil capacities under the Union or a State: -

(2) No such person as aforesaid shall be dismissed or removed or reduced in rank except after an inquiry in which he has been informed of the charges against him and given a reasonable opportunity of being heard in respect of those charges:

Provided that where it is proposed after such inquiry, to impose upon him any such penalty may be imposed on the basis of the evidence adduced during such inquiry and it shall not be necessary to give such person any opportunity of making representation on the penalty proposed; and

Whereas, the case of Sh. Vinod Kumar Raina, S/o Sh. Som Raina, R/o Kandikhas Tehsil Handwara District Kupwara, Watcher (MTS), Department of Wildlife Protection was placed before the Competent Authority for acceptance of the report of the Inquiry Officer alongwith recommendations of PCCF/Chief Wildlife Warden J&K and the Competent Authority has, after due consideration, in terms of Jammu and Kashmir Civil Services (Classification Control and Appeal) Rules, 1956 and Jammu and Kashmir Government Employees (Conduct) Rules, 1971 and in the exercise of the powers vested under Article 311(2) of the Constitution of India, decided to impose the penalty of dismissal from the service of the State which ordinarily disqualifies him from future employment, as his continued employment not only poses a grave risk to public welfare but erodes trust in Government Institutions.

Now, therefore, Sh. Vinod Kumar Raina, S/o Sh. Som Raina, R/o Kandikhas Tehsil Handwara District Kupwara, Watcher (MTS), Department of Wildlife Protection is hereby dismissed from service with immediate effect. He is also disqualified from any future employment with the government.

By Order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.

Sd/-
(Sheetal Nanda) IAS,
Commissioner/Secretary to the Govt.

No: FST-GEN/137/2024 02(CC:7495074)

Dated: - 12.08.2026

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