Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Health & Medical Education Department
Civil Secretariat, Jammu/Srinagar.
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Subject: Continuation of suspension of Dr. Girdhari Lal Manhas, Consultant Gynaecologist, SDH Banihal.

Government Order No.750-JK (HME) of 2026
Dated: 28-10-2026

WHEREAS, Dr. Girdhari Lal Manhas, Consultant Gynaecologist, SDH Banihal, was placed under suspension with immediate effect vide Government Order No. 651-JK(HME) of 2025 dated 30.09.2025, in terms of Rule 31 of the J&K Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1956, pending enquiry into his conduct, and was attached with the Directorate of Health Services, Jammu;

WHEREAS, the suspension was ordered pursuant to a complaint alleging inappropriate/sexual misconduct with a patient during OPD consultation on 30.09.2025, which was also stated to have resulted in a law-and-order situation in the area;

Whereas, vide Government Order No. 91-JK(HME) of 2026 dated 09.02.2026, Shri Dhananter Singh, JKAS, Special Secretary to the Government, Health & Medical Education Department, was appointed as Inquiry Officer to conduct an in-depth enquiry into the allegations levelled against the officer, and Dr. Sanjay Kumar Sharma, Deputy Director (Dentistry), Directorate of Health Services, Jammu, was appointed as Presenting Officer;

WHEREAS, the matter was thereafter placed before the Suspension Review Committee constituted vide Government Order No. 1067-JK(HME) of 2023 dated 20.12.2023 for review of the suspension of the officer;

WHEREAS, the Suspension Review Committee, in its meeting held on 10.09.2026, after considering the inquiry proceedings, the material available on record, the pendency of FIR No. 105/2025 and the gravity and nature of the allegations, was of the considered opinion that continuation of suspension of Dr. Girdhari Lal Manhas was justified and recommended that:-

1. Subsistence allowance may be released strictly in accordance with the extant rules.
2. The officer may be debarred from private practice during the period of suspension, until further review or order, whichever is later.

WHEREAS, the competent authority has considered the recommendations of the Suspension Review Committee and, having regard to the pendency of the criminal proceedings, the nature and gravity of the allegations, the inquiry proceedings conducted in the matter and the requirement of periodic review of suspension, has found the recommendations of the Committee fit for acceptance;

Now, therefore, it is hereby ordered that:

1. Subsistence allowance shall be released to the officer strictly in accordance with the extant rules, subject to fulfilment of all prescribed conditions.
2. Dr. Girdhari Lal Manhas shall remain debarred from undertaking private practice during the period of suspension, until further review or order, whichever is later.

By order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir

Sd/-
(Saugat Biswas), IAS
Commissioner/Secretary to the Government

No. HD-Gaz0Gen/679/2025-02 (CC-7688268) Dated: 28.10.2026

Copy to the:-

1. Additional Chief Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister, J&K.
2. Principal Secretary to Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, J&K.
3. Joint Secretary (Jammu, Kashmir, Ladakh), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi.
4. Director, Archives, Archaeology & Museums, J&K.
5. OSD with Hon'ble Minister for Health and Medical Education Department.
6. Director, Health Services, Jammu.
7. Pvt. Secretary to Commissioner/ Secretary to the Government Health & Medical Education Department.
8. Concerned.
9. I/c Website, Health and Medical Education Department.
10. Government Order file/Stock file/Monday Return (w.2.s.c).

28.10.XXVI.
(Waheed Ahmed)JKAS,
Under Secretary to the Government