



**Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir
Social Welfare Department
Civil Secretariat, J&K**

Sub: Termination of services of Ms. Anita Devi as member, Juvenile Justice Board, District Kishtwar on account of persistent Unauthorized absence from legitimate duties without any valid reason.

Ref: MD/ICPS/ADM/05/2018/1925-1930 dated 05.12.2023 from Mission Director, Mission Vatsalya, J&K.

Government Order No: 29-JK(SWD) of 2024

Dated: 20.02.2024

Whereas, Ms Anita Devi was appointed as Member, Juvenile Justice Board, District Kishtwar vide S.O. 206 dated 13.04.2023;

Whereas, Mission Director, Mission Vatsalya, J&K vide letter No. MD/ICPS/ADM/05/2018/1925-1930 dated 05.12.2023 reported that the said member joined on **19.04.2023** before the District Child Protection Officer, Kishtwar and thereafter neither attended the office of JJB Kishtwar nor reported to Hon'ble Principle Magistrate, JJB, Kishtwar for further duties;

Whereas, three show cause notices vide No. DCPO/K/MV/23-24/72-75 dated 26.05.2023, No. DCPO/K/MV/23-24/92-95 dated 06.06.2023 and No. DCPO/K/MV/23-24/116-120 dated 16.06.2023 were served upon the said Member by District Child Protection Officer, Kishtwar for explaining her position to remain continuously absent from duties without permission since her joining as Member;

Whereas, in response to the 3rd showcause notice, Ms Anita Devi submitted the reply which was examined by the Mission Director, Mission Vatsalya, J&K and found unsatisfactory;

Whereas, a final opportunity of being heard was provided to Ms Anita Devi, Member, JJB, Kishtwar by Mission Director, Mission Vatsalya vide No. MS/SC/76/2022/1626-1632 dated 10.10.2023 directing her to appear in person at Directorate of Mission Vatsalya, Jammu on 12.10.2023 and in response, Ms Anita Devi appeared in person on the specified date and submitted her written statement of defense, wherein the Member has agreed and admitted that she has not attended the duties and further requested MD, Mission Vatsalya that she should not be compelled to join at Kishtwar, instead be given a temporary place of work at Jammu, Samba or Udhampur. Upon careful examination, the reply submitted by MS Anita Devi was found unsatisfactory/unjustified and devoid of merit by the Mission Director, Mission Vatsalya;

Whereas, the unauthorized absence from the legitimate duty as a Member of JJB, Kishtwar, is in clear violation of the mandate entrusted to her as the member of the Board to address the welfare and protection of children in need;

Whereas, the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 stresses upon the care and protection of Children in conflict by catering to their basic needs through proper care, protection, development, treatment and social re-integration and rehabilitation through processes provided, and institutions and bodies established within the Act;


20.02.24

Whereas, Mission Director, Mission Vatsalya, J&K vide letter No. MD/ICDS/ADM/05/2018/ 1925-1930 dated 05.12.2023 recommended for termination of the services of Ms Anita Devi, JJB Member, in terms of section 4, sub clause (7) of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015;

Whereas, the officials un-authorized absence from her legitimate duties is incompatible with the institution's objective, which is mandated to eradicate the suffering of children in need of Care and Protection and Children in Conflict with Law and is not only hampering the functioning of the institution but also the implementation of Mission Vatsalya and Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, in its true spirit;

Whereas, it is clear from her own statement that she doesnot want to continue in District Kishtwar and instead is seeking appointment in Districts Jammu, Samba or Udhampur while she is not a domicile of these districts and therefore not eligible as per the conditions of the advertisement issued by the Department;

Now, therefore, keeping in view of above, it is ordered that in terms of sub-section 7 (ii) of Section 4 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, the services of Ms. Anita Devi as member, Juvenile Justice Board, Kishtwar are hereby terminated with immediate effect.

By Order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.


Sd/-

Sheetal Nanda, IAS
Commissioner/Secretary to the Government
Social Welfare Department
Dated: 20.02.2024

No: SWD-ICPS/30/2021

Copy to the:

1. Joint Secretary (J&K), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.
2. Mission Director, Mission Vatsalya, J&K.
3. District Child Protection Officer, Kishtwar.
4. Concerned Member.
5. Pvt Secy to the Commissioner/Secretary to the Government, Social Welfare Department
6. I/C website


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