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To

The Secretary,
Ministry of Earth Sciences,
Prithvi Bhawan,
Lodhi Road, New Delhi 110003

Subject: To initiate Departmental enquiry against officer-in-charge MC Bangalore-regarding.

Respected Sir,

As you know that 95% units under MCs are operational wherein an individual has to perform operational roster duties since joining till retirement either in the capacity of recording real time observations or as a duty officers and in both the circumstances night duties are inevitable. At present there are mainly three approved rosters in IMD i.e. 5-days General duty, 6-days roster and 7-days roster but recently, Dr.(Mrs) Geeta Agnihotri, Scientist-E, officer-in-charge, MC Bangalore has introduced a new roster (P_N - P_N - P_N - P_N - P_N) (Night-dash-Night-dash) without taking approval of competent authority.

By implementing an illegal roster, officer-in-charge, MC Bangalore has violated Govt. rules and liable for departmental enquiry on the following grounds.

- 1. It is important to mention here that a new rosters system cannot be implemented without the consent of the stake holder and approval of Ministry (Minister-in-Charge)/ DoP&T.
- 2. Night duty in itself is working against nature and has lot of impacts on the individuals general and mental health conditions and by implementing an illegal duty arrangement officer-in-charge, MC Bangalore is playing with the health of staff borne under the establishment of MC Bangalore which is clear cut harassment of Group-B and Group-C staff and officer.
- 3. As per practice, in a 7-day roster, an official performs approximately 7-night duties in a month and eligible for night duty allowance. In the new roster an individual have to perform 15-night duties in a month which will double the burden on exchequer.

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- 4. Officer-in-charge of MC Bangalore has intentionally put all the new recruits Scientific Assistant (2019 batch) in the new roster as they are in their probation period and cannot deny duty or complaint against her.
- 5. In the earlier occasion Dr.(Mrs) Geeta Agnihotri was transferred to DGM's office New Delhi vide office order No.A-22013/24/Tr.Gr.A/2016.E.I Dated 06.10.2016 on the complaint of staff of MC Bangalore but somehow she managed to cancel her transfer and was retained at MC Bangalore. Now she again started creating nuisance at the station and disturbing the peaceful atmosphere of the MC.

In view of the position explained above it is evident that Dr.(Mrs)Geeta Agnihotri, Scientist-E, is not fit to act as an officer-in-charge of any station, it is therefore she may be transferred immediately to some other station under the supervision of a senior officer and a departmental enquiry may be initiated against her.

With Regards

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