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## **ORDER**

WHEREAS Smt. Purnima A. Sinai Bharne, LDC, was placed under suspension with effect from 17/12/2021 vide Order No. RND/Admn/1/537/1524/21-22 dated 17/12/2021, as she failed to maintain the Cash Book as per rules, regulations and involved in embezzlement of Government money.

AND WHEREAS inquiry was proposed against Smt. Purnima A. Sinai Bharne, vide memorandum No. RND/Admn/I/537/1952/21-22 dated 14/03/2022 under Rule 14 of the Central Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1965 on the Articles of charges as set out in Annexure I to III.

AND WHEREAS the suspension was reinstated by the recommendation of the Department Review Committee held on 14/06/2023 and suspension was revoked w.e.f. 30/03/2022 and Smt. Purnima A. Sinai Bharne, was directed to join duties w.e.f. 16/06/2023 vide Order No. RND/Admn/1/537/402/23-24 dated 16/06/2023, but she did not join duty and willfully remained absent without any authority till date.

AND WHEREAS as per the finding of the Departmental Inquiry it is proved that Smt. Purnima A. Sinai Bharne has misappropriated the Government money to the tune of Rs. 4,78,117/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Seventy Eight Thousand One Hundred and Seventeen only)

WHEREAS it was proved that Smt. Purnima A. Sinai Bharne failed to maintain daily route wise toll fee registers, did not maintain cash book and there were irregular omissions of closing balance, overstatement of Permanent Advance. It was also proved that Smt. Purnima A. Sinai Bharne had over written entries in the cash book which is against Rule 13(IV) of Government of Goa (Receipt and Payment) Rules 1997. It was proved that Smt. Purnima A. Sinai Bharne, received amount of Rs. 90,573/- (Rupees Ninety Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Three only) and Rs. 1,28,332/-(Rupees One Lakh Twenty Eight Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Two only), entered in the cash book but did not submit in the Government treasury.

WHEREAS it was proved that M/s Ribco Construction Pvt. Ltd. paid Rs. 90,000/- vide DD No. 602625 dated 18/05/2018. However entry of this has been not found recorded in cash book on receipt side. But entry of this payment of Rs. 90,000/- was seen as remittance into treasury through Challan dated 14/08/2018. Also DD No. 602648 dated 22/05/2018 for Rs. 10,000/- received from M/s Ribco Construction Pvt. Ltd. was not seen entered on receipt side of Cash Book however entry was seen recorded for Rs. 10,000/- on payment side of Cash Book on 14/08/2018 as remittance into Government treasury through challan, which resulted in over statement of remittance into Government treasury. Similarly number of financial irregularities were found as below,

Sr No	DD Amount and Date	Party	Date of Receipt issued to party by Cashier	Date of remittance in treasury
1	D.D No.602625 dtd 18/05/2018 for Rs.90000/-	Ribco Construction Pvt Ltd	No Receipt found issued	14/08/2018
2	D.D No. 602648 dtd 22/05/2018 for Rs. 10000/-	Ribco Construction Pvt Ltd	No Receipt found issued	14/08/2018
3	D.D No. 501163 dtd 22/05/2018 for Rs.30000/-	High Street cruises and entertainmen t Pvt Ltd	No Receipt found issued	10/08/2018
4	D.D No. 020697 dtd 09/05/2018 for Rs. 70000/-	High Street cruises and entertainmen t Pvt Ltd	27/06/2018	07/07/2018
5	D.D No. 501164 dtd 23/05/2018 for Rs.50000/-	High Street cruises and entertainmen t Pvt Ltd	27/06/2018	07/07/2018

It was proved from documentary proof that there was shortfall of Rs. 13,653/on 05/12/2019 with respect to the toll fee amount received by Smt. Purnima A. Sinai Bharne.

It was proved from documentary proof that Smt. Purnima A. Sinai Bharne received Rs. 5,765/- on 22/11/2019 towards toll fee collection but only Rs. 3.218/- were recorded in the Cash Book.

WHEREAS it is proved that Smt. Purnima A. Sinai Bharne failed to deposit the toll fee collection of Rs. 16,590/- collected by her into Government treasury for the period November 2019 to December 2019 and Smt. Purnima A. Sinai Bharne continued this practice as mentioned below,

Sr. No	Month	Amount of Toll fee cash amount not remitted to Government Treasury
1	Feb 20	1) On receipt Book 315 receipt No. 27 dated 5/2/2020 is Rs. 1254/- whereas in Balance sheet page 73 date 5/2/2020 the amount is written as Rs. 1250/- thus there is non remittance of Rs 4/- in Government treasury.
		2) Receipt Book No. 316 receipt No. 07 dated 10/2/2020 the receipt is filled incomplete only Rs. 13 in figures is seen written whereas in Balance sheet amount written is Rs. 13653/-
		3) Receipt Book No. 317 dated 18/2/2020 Receipt No. 21 for Rs. 2695/- has not been shown in Balance sheet at page 82 date 18/2/2020.
		4) Receipt Book No. 317 receipt No. 38 is seen blank whereas on page No.85 on Balance sheet the amount of Rs 1430/- is seen written against the above mentioned receipt.
		5) Receipt Book No.318 receipt No.41 it is seen that amount written is 5087/- as collected whereas in Balance sheet page No. 90 date 28/2/2020 it is written as 5037/- there is short remittance of Rs.50/-in Government treasury.

WHEREAS it was proved that Smt. Purnima A. Sinai Bharne received money but recorded less and was involved in misappropriation of Government funds.

AND WHEREAS, it is considered that the conduct of Smt. Purnima A. Sinai Bharne, has led to the conclusion that it is such, not possible for the department to retain her in Government service any more.

AND WHEREAS copy of the same findings w.r.t. departmental inquiry was received by Smt. Purnima A. Sinai Bharne.

AND WHEREAS Smt. Purnima A. Sinai Bharne, was given an opportunity of personal hearing and offer her written explanation by the disciplinary authority/COP/HOD to present her say if any, after receiving the findings of the said departmental inquiry.

AND WHEREAS the said Smt. Purnima A. Sinai Bharne, failed to appear before the Disciplinary Authority for personal hearing nor submitted her written explanation/submission.

AND WHEREAS the Captain of Ports being the Disciplinary Authority over Smt. Purnima A. Sinai Bharne, carefully considered the written statement and Inquiry findings/report produced by the Inquiry Officer and decided to imposed major penalty under Rule 11 of CCS (CCA) Rule 1965.

NOW THEREFORE after considering the records of inquiry and facts and circumstances of the case, the undersigned has come to the conclusion that Smt. Purnima A. Sinai Bharne, Cashier of RND deliberately and knowingly involved into misappropriation of Government funds, indulged in corrupt practices causing financial loss to the Government and acted in a manner unbecoming of a Government Servant.

The undersigned is of the view that the ends of justice would be met if the penalty of dismissal from services is imposed on Smt. Purnima A. Sinai Bharne.

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by Rule 11 (ix) of the CCS(CCA) Rules 1965, the undersigned hereby directs that the said Smt. Purnima A. Sinai Bharne, shall stand Dismissed, from the Government service with immediate effect. And above amount of Rs. 4,78,117/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Seventy Eight Thousand One Hundred Seventeen Only) will be recovered from her by following proper procedure as per prevailing Acts and

Issued under my hand and the seal of this office on 20th December 2024.

(Octavio Rodrigues) Captain of Ports/HoD River Navigation Department

To, Smt. Purnima A. Sinai Bharne, LDC, S-2 Shrirang Mansion, Near EDC House, Atmaram Borkar Road, Panaji Goa.

## Copy to:

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- 3) The Accountant General (AUDIT), Audit Bhavan, Porvorim Goa
- 4) The Assistant Accounts officer, RND, Betim Goa.
- 5) The Personal file
- 6) The Service book
- 7) The Concerned file. 8) The Guard file