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Subject: Regarding massive corruption and irregularities at Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology (WIHG), Dehradun.

Dear Sir,

I would like to draw your kind attention to the rampant corruption and irregularities that are being committed at Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology (WIHG), 33 GMS Road, Dehradun. These corrupt activities are particularly flourishing in recruitments, purchase and civil work. The information that has been made privy to me is through a reliable contact and therefore I urge you to have an independent view after a proper inquiry into the affairs. The following are two examples that showcase the prevailing malpractices.:

(A) Corruption in Appointments: The kingpin of corruption in the appointments is said to be the present Registrar Mr. Pankaj Kumar Verma. His own appointment to the post of Registrar is against all the accepted norms of public appointment. He was selected despite the fact that he was not even fulfilling the essential recruitment conditions for the post i.e., possession of minimum 5 years' experience in the next lower grade (i.e., 5400 GP) and therefore he was ineligible for the post. Because of his collusion with the Institute authorities, he was appointed against the Government recruitment rules (copy of advertisement notice, experience obtained through RTI are attached herewith for your kind reference) (See Annexure-I). Not only was he appointed to the post of Registrar but was also paid the transport allowance to the tune of Rs. 1.29 Lakh from Bangalore to Dehradun although he joined the WIHG as a fresh appointment. Surprisingly, similar claim of transport allowance by Dr. Narendra Kumar, appointed at the Institute was rejected by the Institute. After the appointment of Mr. Pankaj Kumar Verma, irregularities in recruitments became a tradition at the Institute. A grave injustice is being inflicted on to the meritorious and deserving candidates. A simple skill re-test for the posts of LDC, etc. would immediately prove this fact. It is widely believed that impersonation in skill tests for the post of LDCs was facilitated and the proxies passed the test on behalf of actual candidates. Re test now will spill all the beans. Corruption is not confined to appointments only but commissions/kickbacks are common for all purchase cases. One sample purchase case is quoted below (see (B)). This clearly reveals that how is being misused for personal gains.


(B) Furniture Purchased on Papers: In the information obtained under the RTI (copies of purchase orders, bills, etc. enclosed can be provided on demand or can directly be fetched from institute records)), it was revealed that the Institute procured furniture for its Naddi observatory, Himachal Pradesh on 30th March 2016. The quotations for the purchase were collected by the committee consisting of Mr. Pankaj Kumar as the Chairman and his two other aides, Mr. Rahul Sharma and Mr. Rajeev Yadav. Not only the purchase rules were flouted but swindling of Government funds came to the surface. Modus operandi was that large purchase are broken down into multiple small purchases; then the quotations were collected from a single vendor in Delhi. Instead of choosing a nearby market for the purchase, a distant market was deliberately chosen (i.e., Delhi). The whole exercise was performed on papers alone as the necessary road permit (which should have been generated if the delivery was actually made at Naddi office) was not generated. Bill has been verified even before the bill generation date and miraculously, purchase order placed. Furniture somehow traversed the distance of about 500 kilometers overnight (from Delhi to Naddi) and that too without any road permit. The complete detailed point-wise accounts of the purchase fraud have been mentioned in Annexure-II below.

In light of the above two cases, which are just the tip of the iceberg, it is requested to kindly have an independent vigilance inquiry into the recruitment of Mr. Pankaj Kumar Verma to the post of Registrar and ALL the other appointments made by the Institute, after his appointment.

A thorough enquiry should also be ordered in case of the above-mentioned purchase of furniture for Naddi Observatory and all other major purchases made by the Institute along with the assets that have been purchased by Mr. Pankaj Kumar Verma (in his and his family members' names) after his appointment.

I believe that the same will, most shockingly, expose how the autonomy of the Institute has been misused, rules flouted and rampant corruption in the Institute is on showcase. I request you to kindly initiate a free and impartial inquiry. This will help restore the morale of honest employees which has been adversely affected by the corrupt conduct of Registrar Mr. Pankaj Kumar Verma.

Thanking you,



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