

# IAS officer suspended on rape charge

NEW DELHI, Oct 17:

The Government today suspended with immediate effect senior IAS officer and former Chief Secretary of Andaman and Nicobar Islands Jitendra Narain, accused of raping a woman in Port Blair.

The suspension came after Union Home Minister Amit Shah directed immediate strict action against Narain, who is presently posted as the chairman and managing director of the Delhi Financial Corporation, according to a Union Home Ministry statement.

The Ministry said the Government is committed to ensuring zero-tolerance towards the acts of indiscipline by its officials irrespective of their rank and status, especially regarding incidents involving women's dignity.

The Ministry received a report on Sunday from the Andaman and Nicobar Police regarding the alleged sexual assault of the 21-year-old woman by Narain, when he was serving as chief secretary of the archipelago, and others.

As the report indicated the possibility of grave misconduct and misuse of the official position on the part of Narain, an IAS of the AGMUT cadre of the 1990 batch, Shah directed immediate strict action against the officer concerned as per the law.

Accordingly, Narain has been placed under suspension with immediate effect and disciplinary proceedings have been ordered against him, the state-

ment said.

An FIR has been registered and action in the criminal case is being taken separately by the Special Investigation Team of the Andaman and Nicobar Police.

As per the allegation of the woman, she was gang-raped by two officials, including the former chief secretary, in Andaman and Nicobar Islands at his official residence.

Following the allegation, a Special Investigation Team has been constituted, headed by a Senior Superintendent of Police, for investigation and a case has been registered at the Aberdeen police station.

The woman alleged that the other officer who was involved in the rape was Labour commissioner R L Rishi and they indulged in the alleged crime on two occasions.(PTI)

# BJP candidate, 10 others disqualified

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Oct 17: BJP leader Javid Qureshi and 10 others from Jammu and Kashmir figured in the list of candidates who have been disqualified by the Election Commission of India (ECI) from contesting any election till July 2023.

In an official communication to Chief Electoral Officers of States and Union Territories, the poll-body has barred Qureshi and 10 others from contesting any election till September 9, 2023. Qureshi had contested the

2019 Lok Sabha seat but failed to lodge an account of election expenses within the time, attracting three-year disqualification from the poll-body.

Qureshi had contested the 2019 Lok Sabha election from the Baramulla Lok Sabha segment as an Independent candidate and secured mere 3383 votes from 15 Assembly segments.

The other names in the list of disqualified candidates include Anil Singh (Jammu seat), Balwan Singh (Jammu seat), Sakandar Ahmad Nourani (Jammu seat),

Rakesh Mudgal (Udhampur seat), Firdous Ahmad Bawani (Udhampur seat), Riyaz Ahmad

Bhat (Anantnag Lok Sabha seat), Shams Khawaja (Anantnag seat), Ali Muhammad Wani (Anantnag seat), Surinder Singh (Anantnag seat) and Mirza Sajad Hussain Beigh (Srinagar seat).

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