

I/c Joint Registrar (J) (Budget)

May kindly see the online application received from Sri Lakshmi Kant Shukla, the then District & Sessions Judge, Sant Kabir Nagar at Khalilabad, presently posted as District & Sessions Judge, Lakhimpur Kheri regarding information about acceptance of gift of agricultural land measuring 0.1615 hec. i.e. ½ part of rakba 0.323 of total rakba 0.576 hec. of gata no. 56, situated at Village Sithauli Khurd, Pagana & Tehsil Mohanlalganj, Lucknow.

The officer in his application has submitted that his mother-in-law Smt. Suman Mishra has gifted a property (abovementioned) to her daughter (officer's wife) Smt. Sunita Shukla during year 2020-21. At that time, he was posted as PO LARRA Moradabad having no infrastructure facility of computer and after taking over charge as District Judge Sant Kabir Nagar. In this judgeship on 16.08.2021, due to hectic heavy workload and hectic schedule, he could not submit the said information timely for which he has deeply regretted. Now, he has submitted the intimation of the said transaction alongwith a Copy of 'Gift Deed', registration fee details & stamp fee details etc. which can be seen as attachments and therefore, requested that the information regarding gifting of the aforementioned land may be placed before the Hon'ble Court for kind perusal.

It is also submitted that the relevant rule relating to gift (Rule 11 of the U.P. Government Servant's Conduct Rules, 1956) runs as under :

11. Gifts:-A government servant shall not without previous approval of Government :-

(a) Accept directly or indirectly on his own behalf or on behalf of any other persons, or

(b) Permit any member of his family who is dependent on him, to accept any gift, gratuity or reward from any person other than a close relative.

It is further submitted that the land had been gifted by the officer's mother-in-law to his daughter (officer's wife) out of natural love and affection and is the closest blood relative being mother & daughter. Moreover, as there was no monetary transaction in between, there seems to be nothing objectionable as per rule referred to above.

May, therefore, if approved, the matter may kindly be laid before Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ajit Kumar, Administrative Judge, Lakhimpur Kheri, also nominated for 'Disposal of the matters of the Judicial Officers, wherein permission/ information for sale or purchase of movable/ immovable property and permission/ information to accept gift under U.P. Government Servants' Conduct Rules 1956" for the district Lakhimpur Kheri, for His Lordship's kind perusal and information under Rule (11) of U.P. Government Servant's Conduct Rules, 1956?

Munmun Narang R.O.

Mohd. Arshad A.R.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ajit Kumar,

Administrative Judge, Lakhimpur Kheri

Submitted for kind perusal & order

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