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## **In Moscow Region head of Istra District charged with exceeding authority**



The Moscow Region Main Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee has charged Anna Shcherba, head of Istra District with a crime under part 2 of article 286 of the RF Penal Code (exceeding authority).

According to investigators in 2008, Shcherba illegally signed resolutions under which 4 pieces of land with a total area of over 88 thousand square meters in the east of the town of Istra in the Moscow Region were withdrawn from federal ownership to municipal one. Shcherba realized that the said properties were settlement lands in constant (unlimited) use by EH Bolshevik of the Russian Agricultural Academy and she had no legal right to dispose of them.

After that the official organized sale of all the said properties though their market value was over 6.5 million rubles. Despite the fact that in 2009 an official of Istra District administration reported to Shcherba in written form that it was necessary to cancel those illegal resolutions, she did not do that.

At present a number of investigating operations are under way to gather and consolidate the

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evidence. Restraint is going to be decided on shortly. The investigation is ongoing.

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