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## **In Moscow Region head of Istra District dismissed and put under house arrest**



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

Today a court has granted the request of the investigator to dismiss Shcherba from her office for the period of investigation and to place her under house arrest.

It was reported earlier that 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of land with a total area of over 88 thousand square meters in the east of the town of Istra in the Moscow Region were withdrawn from federal ownership to municipal one.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

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Agricultural Academy and she had no legal right to dispose of them. After that the official organized sale of all the said properties. They went sold at the understate price or 560 thousand rubles 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 underway to gather and consolidate the evidence. The investigation is ongoing.

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