



GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
PANCHAYAT AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (B) DEPARTMENT
DISPUR : : GUWAHATI-6

ORDER BY THE GOVERNOR OF ASSAM
NOTIFICATION

Dated Dispur,23-08-2024

ECF No-502199/DFA/805768: Whereas, while serving as Block Development Officer, Biswanath Development Block, Biswanath; Smti. Rashmi Rekha Mahanta was charged with drawing of material fund amounting to Rs.5,41,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh Forty One Thousand only) from the fund made available on MIS for administrative expenses sanctioned against remuneration of contractual staff under MGNREGA Scheme before fund allocation and release for material component and without obtaining due Financial Sanction from the competent authority; and

Whereas, as the unauthorized withdrawal of Government fund amounted to gross violation of financial rules and insubordination to the authority, thereby amounting to violation of Rule 3 of the Assam Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1965, Smti. Rashmi Rekha Mahanta was placed under suspension vide Notification ECF No 419022/DFA/442986 dated 22-12-2023; and

Whereas, pending drawal of Departmental Proceeding, Smti. Rashmi Rekha Mahanta was re-instated in service as Block Development Officer, Biswanath Development Block, Biswanath vide ECF No. 419022/DFA/469023 dated 09-01-2024; and

Whereas, a show cause notice bearing ECF No. 502199/DFA/673324 dated 12-06-2024 was issued to Smti. Rashmi Rekha Mahanta, Block Development Officer; and

Whereas, Smti. Rashmi Rekha Mahanta, Block Development Officer submitted her written statement vide letter No.BDB/RD/Esstt./26/2016-17/5464 dated 01-07-2024 in response to the Show Cause Notice dated 12-06-2024; and

Whereas, Smti. Rashmi Rekha Mahanta has stated that she had made the material bill payment due to misinterpretation of the letter no. DRD-15/63/pt.I/2027/482 dated 15-03-2023 received from the Commissioner, Panchayat & Rural Development, Assam and another letter no. BZP.63/pt-II/MGNREGA/Material approved/3718 dated 05-11-2023 received from the Chief Executive Officer, Biswanath Zilla Parishad; and

Whereas, the Block Development Officer realized her mistake only after receiving the suspension order and prayed to consider her case sympathetically; and

Thus, considering the explanations furnished by the Block Development

Officer, the Governor of Assam is pleased to dispose of the Departmental Proceeding drawn against Smti. Rashmi Rekha Mahanta, Block Development Officer, Biswanath Development Block, Biswanath with a warning to be more careful in future and that a second mistake would not be treated leniently.

The period spent under suspension period is to be treated as on duty for all purposes.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Assam,

Signed by

J B Ekka

Date: 23-08-2024 16:25:07

Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Assam,

Panchayat and Rural Development Department.

Memo ECF no 502199/DFA/805768-A

Dated Dispur, 23-08-2024

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1. The Accountant General (A&E), Assam, Maidamgaon, Beltola, Guwahati – 29.
2. The Commissioner, Panchayat and Rural Development, Assam, Juripar, Panjabari, Guwahati – 37.
3. The District Commissioner, Biswanath.
4. The Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Biswanath.
5. The Treasury Officer, Biswanath.
6. OSD to the Hon'ble Minister, Panchayat & Rural Development, Assam.
7. PS to Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Panchayat & Rural Development Department, Dispur for appraisal of Principal Secretary.
8. Smti. Rashmi Rekha Mahanta, Block Development Officer, Biswanath Development Block, Biswanath for information.

By order etc.,

Signed by Puspanjali Das

Date: 24-08-2024 10:07:50

Secretary to the Govt. of Assam,

Panchayat and Rural Development Department.