



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

Dated Dispur,30-12-2024

ORDER

ECF No 335802/DFA/998778: Whereas, while Shri Saroj Das was serving as Block Development Officer, Dullavcherra Development Block, Karimganj (now re-named as Sribhumi), huge anomalies and financial irregularities were alleged to be found in the implementation of schemes under MGNREGA and PMAY(G) during the period 2020-21 as per information received from the then Deputy Commissioner, Karimganj vide letter No. KDC.2/DRDA/2021/297 dated 20-05-2021; and

Whereas, the then Deputy Commissioner, Karimganj intimated that as per dashboard of PMAY(G) on 13-05-2021, the target of PMAY(G) beneficiary at Dullavcherra Development Block was 10,065 out of which Shri Saroj Das sent proposals for sanction of only 5,971 on 17-05-2021. As such, there was a huge gap between target and sanctioned beneficiaries which led to highest gap and overall poor performance in the district; and

Whereas, considering the report of the then District Commissioner, Karimganj (now Sribhumi), Shri Saroj Das was placed under suspension as per provision of Rule 6(1) of the Assam Services (Discipline & Appeal) Rules, 1964, pending drawal of Departmental Proceeding vide Notification No. PRD-12/68/2019-PRD(B)/32 dated 02-07-2021; and

Whereas, a show cause notice bearing No. PDB.45/2019/34 dated 23-07-2021 was communicated to Shri Saroj Das, and

Whereas, the Charged Officer submitted his reply to the show cause vide letter dated 02-08-2021, denying the charges leveled against him; and

Whereas, after careful examination of the written statement of defense submitted by the above-mentioned Charged Officer and the materials on record and being dissatisfied with the reply, the Disciplinary authority decided to initiate Departmental Proceeding and cause further enquiry. Accordingly, an Inquiry Officer and Presenting Officer were appointed and nominated respectively vide Notification No. PRD.12/68/2019-PRD(B)/75 and Notification No. PRD.12/68/2019-PRD(B)/75-A dated 28-10-2021 respectively; and

Whereas, Shri Saroj Das, the Charged Officer was reinstated in service and placed in the same capacity as Block Development Officer, Silchar Development Block, Cachar vide Notification No. PRD-12/68/2019-PRD(B)/83 dated 04-12-2021; and

Whereas, after partial modification of earlier Notification, new Inquiry Officer and Presenting Officer were appointed and nominated vide Notification ECF NO.335802/DFA/558566 dated 08-03-2024 and ECF No.335802/DFA/263020 dated 11-08-2023 respectively following transfer of earlier officials from this department; and

Whereas, the Inquiry Officer submitted the Enquiry Report vide Letter No. SND/ENQ/4/2024/58 dated 29-11-2024 wherein it is revealed that on careful perusal of the allegations made by the then District Commissioner, Karimganj (now Sribhumi), the financial irregularities were not specific and no document in support of the allegations were available in the records. Also, no specific case was referred in the allegation letter to hold the officer responsible for the alleged irregularities; and

Whereas, considering the Enquiry Report submitted by the Inquiry Officer, the Disciplinary Authority has held that the charges of violation of financial rules in implementation of schemes and violation of Rule 3 of Assam Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1965 could not be proved; and

Thus, the Governor of Assam is pleased to dispose of the Departmental Proceeding drawn against Shri Saroj Das, Block Development Officer, Binnakandi Development Block, Cachar and the then BDO, Dullavcherra Development Block, Sribhumi by exonerating him from all charges.

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

By order and in the name of the Governor of Assam,
Signed by John Berchmans Ekka
Date: 30-12-2024 19:03:56

Addl. Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam,
Panchayat and Rural Development Department.

Memo ECF No 335802/DFA/998778-A

Dated Dispur, 30-12-2024

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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, Cachar/Sribhumi.
4. The Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Cachar/Sribhumi.
5. The Treasury Officer,
6. O.S.D to Hon'ble Minister, Panchayat & Rural Development, Assam.
7. PS to Addl. Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Panchayat & Rural Development Department, Dispur for appraisal of Addl. Chief Secretary.
- ✓ 8. Shri Saroj Das, Block Development Officer, Binnakandi Development Block, Cachar for information.

By order etc.,

Signed by
Dharmendra Kr Roy
Under Secretary to the Govt. of Assam,
Panchayat and Rural Development Department.
Date: 31-12-2024 11:39:56