



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

**ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR OF ASSAM
NOTIFICATION**

Dated Dispur, 26-12-2025

ECF No.727972/DFA/153294: It has come to notice that during the leave, training or temporary unavailability of incumbent BDOs, officers below the rank of BDOs are entrusted with the responsibilities of in-charge Block Development Officer (BDO) of the blocks. Such arrangements are inconsistent with the provision of the Operational Guidelines 2013 of MGNREGA 2005.

As per Para 4.3.1(ii) of the Operational Guidelines 2013 of MGNREGA 2005, " The Programme Officer (PO) will not be below the rank of Block Development Officer (BDO)". This stipulation ensures that the responsibilities of the PO are carried out by an officer of appropriate rank and accountability to ensure effective implementation of the MGNREGA scheme as envisaged under the Act.

Hence, to ensure compliance with statutory provisions, only a BDO of nearby Development Block, Executive Magistrate, or an officer of equivalent or higher rank shall be assigned as in-charge BDO of the concerned block during the leave, training or temporary unavailability of incumbent BDOs.

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BALLEPU KALYAN CHAKRAVARTHY
Addl. Chief Secretary to the Govt of Assam,
Date: 26-12-2025 19:00
Panchayat & Rural Development Department

Memo **ECF No.727972/DFA/1532944 -A,**
Copy to :-

Dated Dispur, 26-12-2025

1. The Accountant General (A&E), Assam, Maidamgaon, Beltola, Ghy-29..
2. The Principal Secretary BTC, Kokrajhar /KAAC, Diphu / NCHAC, Haflong for information and necessary action.
3. The Commissioner, Panchayat & Rural Development, Assam, Panjabari, Guwahati-37.
4. P.P.S to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam, Janata Bhawan, Dispur, Guwahati-6 for kind appraisal of the Hon'ble Chief Minister.
5. All District Commissioners for information and necessary action.
6. All Chief Executive Officers, Zilla Parishad.
7. All Project Directors, DRDA, Assam.
8. All Block Development Officers, Assam.
9. O.S.D to Hon'ble Minister, Panchayat & Rural Development, Assam.

10. PS to the Additional Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Panchayat & Rural Development Department, Dispur, Guwahati-6 for appraisal of Additional Chief Secretary.
11. The Treasury Officer.....
12. Department Website.

By order etc,

Digitally signed by

PUSPANJALI DAS

Secretary to the Govt. of Assam,
Panchayat & Rural Development Department

Date: 27-12-2025

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