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PANCHAYAT & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (B) DEPARTMENT
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No. ECF-706678/PRD(B)/1953035

28-08-2026

ORDER

Whereas, as per the CBI report received from the Dy. Inspector General of Police, NER, CBI, ACZ, Guwahati vide letter No. DPGWH/NER/1626/RCSHG2011A0005 dated 21/11/2012, it was alleged that while Shri Lalzakham Zate was serving as Junior Engineer, Jatinga Valley Development Block, Dima Hasao. (now Assistant Engineer, New Sangbar Dev. Block, Dima Hasao), had shown false execution of works by preparing and passing false Muster Roll Cash Vouchers under the MGNREGA Scheme during 2006-2007; and

Whereas, prosecution sanction was accorded vide order No. RC5(A)/2011-SHG dated 08/05/2013 U/S 19(1)(b) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 against Shri Lalzakham Zate; and

Whereas, a Departmental Proceeding was drawn up against Shri Lalzakham Zate, vide Show Cause Notice No. PRD-12/214/2023-PRD(B)/DFA/211501 dated 08/06/2023 based on the CBI report received vide letter No. DPGWH/NER/1626/RCSHG2011A0005 dated 21/11/2012 under Rule 9 of the Assam Services (Discipline and Appeal) Rules, 1964 read with Article 311 of the Constitution of India; and

Whereas, Shri Lalzakham Zate has been charged with criminal breach of trust, negligence of official duties, misappropriation of Govt. fund and violation of Rule 3(1)(i), (ii) & (iii) and 3(2)(i)&(ii) of the Assam Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1965; and

Whereas, Shri Lalzakham Zate submitted his reply to the Show Cause notice vide his letter dated 04-08-2023, denying the charges levelled against him; and

Whereas, after careful examination of the written statement of defence submitted by Shri Lalzakham Zate and the materials on record; and being not satisfied with the statement of defence, the Disciplinary Authority decided to conduct an inquiry into the charges and accordingly Inquiry Officer was appointed vide Govt. Notification No. PRD-12017/13/2023-PRD(B)/712, dated 01-09-2023; and

Whereas, the Inquiry Officer submitted in the enquiry report dated 16-09-2025, that during the enquiry, it was observed that the works in question were found to have been executed and, therefore, the charges relating to false execution of works could not be established for want of evidence and concluded that the charges relating to criminal breach of trust, negligence of official duties, misappropriation of Government funds and violation of Rule 3(1)(i), (ii) & (iii) and Rule 3(2)(i) & (ii) of the Assam Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1965 could not be established against the Delinquent Officer due to lack of evidence; and

Whereas, the Inquiry Officer submitted in the Enquiry Report that the charges levelled against Shri Lalzakham Zate could not be established in the departmental enquiry due to lack of sufficient and cogent evidence;

Therefore, the Disciplinary Authority has decided to dispose of the Departmental proceedings

drawn up against Shri Lalzakham Zate, the then Junior Engineer, Jatinga Valley Development Block, Dima Hasao (now Assistant Engineer, New Sangbar Dev. Block, Dima Hasao), by exonerating the D.O. from the charges, as the charges could not be proved due to the lack of evidence, subject to review, if necessary in future as per outcome of the criminal case in connection with the above mentioned anomalies.

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

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BALLEPU KALYAN CHAKRAVARTHY
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Addl. Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam
Panchayat & Rural Development Department

Memo No. ECF-706678/PRD(B)/1953035-A

Dated: 28-08-2026

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1. The Accountant General (A&E), Assam, Maidamgaon, Beltola, Guwahati - 781029.
2. The Staff Officer to the Chief Secretary, Assam for kind appraisal of the Chief Secretary.
3. The Commissioner, Panchayat & Rural Development, Assam, Panjabari, Guwahati.
4. The Project Director, DRDA, Dima Hasao.
5. The Under Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, O/o the State Inquiry Officer & In Charge, Inquiry Officer Cell, Personnel Department for kind information.
6. The Block Development Officer, Jatinga Valley Development Block, Dima Hasao / New Sangbar Dev. Block, Dima Hasao.
7. The Treasury Officer,
8. Special Officer & P.S to the Hon'ble Minister, Panchayat & Rural Development for kind appraisal of the Hon'ble Minister.
9. Shri Lalzakham Zate, Assistant Engineer, New Sangbar Dev. Block, Dima Hasao.
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By order etc.,

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