



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

Dated Dispur,21-01-2026

ORDER

ECF No-605941 /PRD(B)/543: Whereas, the Additional Commissioner, O/o the Commissioner, Panchayat & Rural Development, Assam forwarded an Enquiry Report vide letter No. DRD-15/50/2017/58 dated 15-12-2020, wherein Smti. Mani Devi, Block Development Officer, Bhuragaon Development Block, Morigaon and the then Block Development Officer, Rangapara Development Block, Sonitpur was found to be involved in the entry of false material bills in MIS, countersigning of material bills without accessing actual physical progress in the field, with an intention to misappropriate Govt. fund, thereby violating the Standard Operating Procedure(SOP) of MGNREGA in respect of 5(Five) nos of schemes, namely, (i) Plantation at Rupajuli football playground near Sunil Linda in the year 2019-20,(ii)Plantation at Sessa Deputa ME School in the year 2019-20; (iii)Plantation from Kadamtola school to Projaline football field via old hospital, Ward No. 4 in the year 2019-20;(iv) Erosion protection bund on Gabharu river at Nepali basti to Bhuyan basti, in the year 2019-20; and (v) Erosion protection bund on Dipota river at Nagapathar village in the year 2019-20; and

Whereas, pending drawal of Departmental Proceeding, Smti. Mani Devi was placed under suspension vide No.PRD-12/114/2020-PRD(B)/25 dated 19-01-2021; and

Whereas, a show cause notice was served upon Smti. Mani Devi vide No.PRD-12/114/2020-PRD(B)/75 dated 23-02-2021; and

Whereas, Smti. Mani Devi submitted her reply vide letter dated 24-02-2021 wherein, she stated that the 5(five) schemes were partly executed. She further mentioned that the enquiry was conducted during her leave period when one Assistant Block Development Officer was holding charge temporarily and could not properly brief the Inquiry officer. That the Inquiry Officer was misled by the officials concerned. She further requested revocation of her suspension and reinstatement in service; and

Whereas, pending drawal of Departmental Proceeding, Smti. Mani Devi was re-instated in service as Block Development Officer, Goroimari Development Block, Kamrup vide No.PRD-2/114/2020-PRD(B)/126 dated 06-05-2021; and

Whereas, Inquiry Officer (I.O) & Presenting Officer (P.O) were appointed and nominated vide Notification bearing ECF No.295791/DFA/300945 and ECF No. ECF No.295791/DFA/300945-A dated 23-08-2023 respectively to further conduct the inquiry in connection with Departmental Proceeding drawn against Smti. Mani Devi; and again new IO & PO were appointed and nominated vide ECF No.295791-PRD(B)/760875 dated 26-07-2024 and ECF No.295791/DFA/449946 dated 03-01-2024 respectively.

Whereas, the Enquiry Report was submitted by the Inquiry Officer vide letter No. ABE.19/2024/83 dated 16-01-2025 wherein it was revealed that the Delinquent Officer (D.O) faltered while releasing part funds without proper authentication and verification of mandatory papers like MB, however, no misappropriation of govt. fund was

established. Further, the charges pertaining to her alleged involvement in the entries of false material bill in MIS, countersigning of material bills without assessing actual physical progress with malafide intention could not be proved completely, except for overlooking certain parts of the SOP during execution of MGNREGA schemes; and

Whereas, the Enquiry Report also could not conclusively prove the charges of gross indiscipline, violation of Govt. guidelines and negligence amounting to violation of Rule 3 of Assam Civil Services Conduct Rules, 1965, and

Whereas, the Disciplinary Authority disagreed with the Enquiry Report on the ground that, despite being the Programme Officer, the D.O released part funds without proper authentication and verification of requisite mandatory papers like MB, etc, amounting to procedural violation of Acts, Rules & Guidelines in implementation of MGNREGA works. She overlooked certain parts of SOP which further proved her inefficiency, dereliction of duty and violation of the NREGA Act; and

Whereas, as per Rule 9A of the Assam Services (Discipline and Appeal) Rules, 1964, Enquiry Report along with Note on disagreement was furnished to Smti. Mani Devi seeking objection/comments, if any vide ECF No. 605941 /DFA/1298913 dated 03-07-2025; and

Whereas, vide letter dated 22-07-2025, Smti. Mani Devi submitted her objections stating that she was on earned leave w.e.f. 1/11/2020 to 30/11/2020, during which period an Assistant Block Development Officer was in charge of the block. During the intervening period some officials along with Senior Assistant (Accounts) entered false material bills in the MIS and approved them using the signature of the i/c BDO. She further added that she released part payments based on actual progress and upon resumption of duty, she noticed discrepancies in some entries and bill approvals. Immediately, she instructed that no payments were to be made without proper field verification and also issued an explanation call to the Senior Assistant(Accounts) regarding the matter; and

Whereas, considering the Enquiry Report, Note on disagreement and objection against Enquiry Report by the D.O, disciplinary authority decided to dispose the Departmental Proceeding by imposing a penalty of withholding one increment temporarily for one year without cumulative effect in respect of Smti. Mani Devi;

Whereas, Assam Public Service Commission was consulted for obtaining views with regard to the proposed penalty and the same was agreed to vide U/O Issue No.1886 dated 12-12-2025; and

Thus, the Governor of Assam is pleased to dispose of the Departmental Proceeding drawn against Smti. Mani Devi, Block Development Officer, Bhuragaon Development Block, Morigaon & the then Block Development Officer, Rangapara Development Block, Sobitpur by imposing a penalty of withholding one increment temporarily for one year without cumulative effect.

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,

Digitally signed by
BALLEPU KALYAN CHAKRAVARTHY
Date: 21-01-2026 12:35:27

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

Memo **ECF No 605941 /PRD(B)/543-A**

Dated Dispur, 21-01-2026

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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, Morigaon/Sonitpur.
4. The Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Morigaon/Sonitpur.
5. The Treasury Officer, ...
6. PS to Addl. Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Panchayat & Rural Development Department, Dispur for appraisal of Addl. Chief Secretary.
7. Smti. Mani Devi, Block Development Officer, Bhuragaon Development Block, Morigaon for information.

By order etc.,



Deputy Under Secretary to the Govt. of Assam
Panchayat and Rural Development Department.