



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

Dated Dispur,03-05-2025

ORDER

ECF No-507658/DFA/1195399: Whereas, while serving as Block Development Officer, Sakomatha Development Block, Biswanath, Shri Gautam Kr. Sarmah was charged with drawing of material fund amounting to Rs.65,72,779/- (Rupees Sixty Five Lakh Seventy Two Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Nine only) from the fund made available on MIS for administrative expenses sanctioned against remuneration of contractual staff under MGNREGA before fund allocation and release of material component without obtaining due Financial Sanction from the competent authority; and

Whereas, as the unauthorized withdrawal of government fund resulted in gross violation of financial rules and insubordination to the authority, thereby violating Rule 3 of the Assam Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1965, Shri Gautam Kr. Sarmah was placed under suspension vide Notification ECF No 419022/DFA/443082 dated 22-12-2023; and

Whereas, since Shri Gautam Kr. Sarmah was found responsible for un-authorised withdrawal of a huge sum of money amounting to Rs.65,72,779/- (Rupees Sixty Five Lakh Seventy Two Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Nine only), the suspension period was further extended vide ECF No 507658/DFA/1005725 dated 01-01-2025; and

Whereas, pending drawal of Departmental Proceeding, Shri Gautam Kr. Sarmah was re-instated in service as Block Development Officer, Dham-dhama Development Block, Baksa vide ECF No 507658/DFA/1115060 dated 05-03-2025; and

Whereas, a show cause notice bearing ECF No. 507658/DFA/1151544 dated 26-03-2025 was communicated to Shri Gautam Kr. Sarmah, Block Development Officer; and

Whereas, Shri Gautam Kr. Sarmah, Block Development Officer submitted his written statement vide letter dated 03-04-2025 in response to the Show Cause Notice dated 26-03-2025; and

Whereas, Shri Gautam Kr. Sarmah has stated that to had withdrawn the material fund amounting to Rs.65,72,779/- (Rupees Sixty Five Lakh Seventy Two Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Nine only) due to misinterpretation of the instructions issued by Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Biswanath ; and it was only after suspension, he realized that the amount that he withdrew and disbursed was actually meant for administrative expenses ; and

Whereas, Shri Gautam Kr. Sarmah has taken complete responsibility for the error and has assured that such a mistake would not be repeated in future; 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 Shri Gautam Kr. Sarmah, Block Development Officer, Dham-Dhama Development Block, Baksa and the then Block Development Officer, Sakomatha Development Block, Biswanath with a strict 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,

**Digitally signed by
John Berchmans Ekka
Date: 03-05-2025**

16:02:42
Addl. Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam,
Panchayat and Rural Development Department.

Memo **ECF No** 507658 /**DFA**/1195399-**A**

Dated Dispur, 03-05-2025

Copy to :-

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, Baksa/Biswanath.
4. The Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Biswanath.
5. The Project Director, DRDA, Baksa.
6. The Treasury Officer, ...
7. PS to Addl. Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Panchayat & Rural Development Department, Dispur for appraisal of Addl. Chief Secretary.
8. Shri Gautam Kr. Sarmah, Block Development Officer, , Dham-Dhama Development Block, Baksa for information.

By order etc.,

**Digitally signed by
PUSPANJALI DAS
Date: 03-05-2025**

16:10:17
Secretary to the Govt. of Assam
Panchayat and Rural Development Department.