



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

Dated Dispur, 04-11-2025

ORDER

ECF No-245318/DFA/1359080: Whereas, the Commissioner, P&RD, Assam forwarded an Inspection Report conducted by the then Joint Director, O/o the Commissioner, Panchayat & Rural Development, Assam that Shri Nabaratna Patowary, then Block Development Officer, Mandia Development Block, Barpeta was involved in utilization of Govt. fund under 14th Finance Commission for creation of private asset, namely, "Dreamland Academy" in the land of a private individual during implementation of the scheme, namely, "Construction of Community Hall at Mandia Bazar Dreamland Academy, Mandia" for the period 2017-18 amounting to Rs 5.00 Lakh; and

Whereas, during inspection of another scheme, namely, "Construction of Road cum Earthen Bundh starting from Mandia Dighir Pam PMGSY Road to Mourigaon via 1882 No. Pachim Mourigaon LP School under MGNREGA for 2017-18", it was found that the road was already constructed by the Public Works Department (PWD) under PMGSY with CC blocks for a length of 2.10km at an estimated cost of Rs 281.89 Lakh. As such, there was an issue of overlapping works in the construction of the road; and

Whereas, the Inspection Report also stated that the work done by PWD against its PMGSY road was shown to be implemented by Mandia Development Block authority against the scheme, "Construction of Road cum Earthen Bundh starting from Mandia Dighir Pam PMGSY Road to Mourigaon via 1882 No. Pachim Mourigaon LP School under MGNREGA for 2017-18"; and

Whereas, the Muster Rolls prepared and payments made by Mandia Development Block authority were reported to be fraudulent, amounting to Rs 4,18,038/- on 19-06-2019 for the period w.e.f 11-06-2019 to 16-06-2019, Rs 2,87,550/- on 13-06-2020 for the period w.e.f 01-06-2020 to 06-06-2020 and Rs 4,35,798/- on 26-06-2020 for the period w.e.f 13-06-2020 to 18-06-2020; and

Whereas, pending drawal of Departmental Proceeding, Shri Nabaratna Patowary was placed under suspension vide No.PRD-12/98/2020-PRD(B)/26 dated 05-01-2021; and

Whereas, a show cause notice was served upon Shri Nabaratna Patowary vide No.PRD-12/98/2020-PRD(B)/45 dated 23-02-2021; and

Whereas, Shri Nabaratna Patowary submitted his reply vide letter dated 24-02-2021 denying all charges leveled against him with a request to revoke his suspension and reinstate him in service; and

Whereas, pending drawal of Departmental Proceeding, Shri Nabaratna Patowary was re-instated in service as Block Development Officer, Bilasipara Development Block, Dhubri vide No.PRD-12/98/2020-PRD(B)/203 dated 06-05-2021; and

Whereas, IO&PO were appointed to further conduct the inquiry in connection with DP drawn against Shri Nabaratna Patowary vide Notification bearing ECF

No.245318/DFA/257852 and ECFNo.245318/DFA/257852-A dated 15-07-2023 respectively; and

Whereas, Enquiry Report was submitted by IO vide letter dated 10-04-2024 wherein the charges leveled against Shri Nabaratna Patowary, including misappropriation of Govt. fund, gross negligence of duty, breach of conduct and violation of Conduct Rules were established ; and

Whereas, as per Rule 9A of the Assam Services (Discipline and Appeal) Rules,1964, Enquiry Report was furnished to Shri Nabaratna Patowary seeking objection/comments, if any vide ECF No. 245318/DFA/632676 dated 15-05-2024; and

Whereas, vide letter dated 28-05-2024, Shri Nabaratna Patowary submitted his objections claiming that no misappropriation of govt. fund had occurred during the execution of the said schemes; and

Whereas, according to the D.O, DRDA, Barpeta approved the scheme, "Construction of Road cum earthen Bundh from Mandia Dighirpam PMGSY Road to Mourigaon via 1882 Paschim Mourigaon LP School" during 2017-18 for an estimated amount of Rs 40 Lakh for 2.2 km, sanctioned on 28-08-2017. Subsequently, his predecessor initiated the work and completed up to 1.22 km, making a payment of Rs 4,18,038/- on 19-06-2019 for the period w.e.f 11-06-2019 to 16-06-2019. Consequently, the work was suspended as the NRM ratio fell below 65%; and

Whereas, after the D.O joined as Block Development Officer, Mandia Development Block, Barpeta on 11-11-2019 and once the NRM ratio again exceeded 65%, an additional 100 metres of the road was completed following payment of Rs 7,23,348/- to the Job Card holders; and

Whereas, the PWD Department undertook the same road for upgradation under the PMGSY scheme and erected a signboard on 09-01-2019 as a ceremonial commencement of the CC Pavers Block road, though the actual; construction of the road began only in 2021; and

Whereas, both the schemes namely "Construction of Community Hall at Mandia Bazar Dreamland" and the "Construction of Road cum earthen Bundh from Mandia Dighirpam PMGSY Road to Mourigaon via 1882 Paschim Mourigaon LP School" were started prior to his joining as Block Development Officer at Mandia Development Block, Barpeta. Upon his joining at the block, he was directed by the then District Commissioner, Barpeta to complete the rest of the work. Though, in the first scheme, no money was misappropriated, a case of misutilization was evident, as the scheme was implemented on the land of a private school; and

Whereas, since the officer stated that the earthwork was carried out by block during the execution of the scheme, namely "Construction of Road cum earthen Bundh from Mandia Dighirpam PMGSY Road to Mourigaon via 1882 Paschim Mourigaon LP School", PWD was requested to submit the plan and estimate to ascertain whether the scheme implemented by PWD included the earthwork component; and

Whereas, vide ECF No. 290623/432 dated 08-04-2025, Public Works Road Department furnished the details of the work "Road from Mandia Dhir Pam to Mourigaon" under PMGSY for the year 2017-18 along with plan and estimate, as received from the Chief Engineer, PWD (Border Roads & NEC Works). However, the report does not

specifically mention the implementation of earth work component; and it appears that PWD started the work in 2021 which is after completion of the work undertaken by the development Block; and

Whereas, considering the Enquiry Report, objections against Enquiry Report by the D.O and report furnished by Public Works Road Department, disciplinary authority decided to dispose the Departmental Proceeding by imposing a penalty of withholding one increment without cumulative effect in respect of Shri Nabaratna Patowary;

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.1860 dated 30-07-2025; and

Thus, the Governor of Assam is pleased to dispose of the Departmental Proceeding drawn against Shri Nabaratna Patowary, Block Development Officer, Mandia Development Block, Barpeta by imposing a penalty of withholding one increment without cumulative effect.

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

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 and Rural Development Department.

Memo **ECF No** 245318 /**DFA**/1359080-**A**

Dated Dispur, 04-11-2025

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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, Barpeta.
4. The Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Barpeta.
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. Shri Nabaratna Patowary, Block Development Officer, Mandia Development Block, Barpeta for information.

By order etc.,

Secretary to the Govt. of Assam

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