

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

No.PR-12017/4/2017-PRD(B)/557

Dated Dispur, the 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2018

**ORDER**

Whereas, on receipt of report from,Deputy Commissioner,Dhubri vide letter No.DPI-182/96-97/118 dated 20/05/97, Shri Rabindra Nath Seal, the then Block Development Officer, Birsing Jarua Development Block, Dhubri was placed under suspension vide Notification No.PDB.121/97/36 dated 27/06/97 and re-instated in service vide Notification No.PDB.121/97/119 dated 30/07/98 without prejudice to the departmental proceeding. However a departmental proceeding was initiated against the delinquent officer vide show cause notice No.PDB.121/97/47 dated 26/02/98 under the provisions of Assam Services (D&A)Rules,1964 against the following charges:-

1. While serving as Block Development Officer, Agomoni Development Block , Dhubri 422 (four hundred twenty two) sets of handlooms were received by the delinquent officer from DRDA, Dhubri for implementation of IRDP- Handlooms Programme with the objective of upliftment of poor loomless weavers.The delinquent officer maintained stock book of the block showing receipt of these materials.

Under the IRDP- Handlooms programme, his job is to select the beneficiaries by conducting the survey and provide them assets (handlooms).

In the stock book of the Agomoni Development Block, the delinquent officer has made entries in the issue to the Secretaries of Gram Panchayats. At the time of handing over charge to his successor Mr.G.M.Muktadir, BDO, he handed over 191(One Hundred Ninety One) sets of handlooms and hence he was liable to explain the utilisation of 291 (Two hundred Ninety One) sets of handlooms.

However, on detailed field enquiry ,it was revealed that the delinquent officer asked the Secretaries of the Gram Panchayats of Agomoni Development Block to prepare list of beneficiaries who shall be distributed handlooms and the delinquent officer asked them to sign on the stock book certifying receipt of handloom without actually handing over the handlooms to them.The delinquent officer promised them that the handlooms shall be handed over to them soon, which he never did.This is borne out by the letter of the Gram Panchayat Secretaries wrote to the Deputy Commissioner, Dhubri.

Further, enquiry was conducted by Mr.D.C.Basak, APO(M), DRDA,Dhubri and the recorded statements of the Secretaries of G.P establishes that they neither received any handlooms from BDO, nor distributed any to beneficiaries.They admitted that they have submitted list of probable beneficiaries to BDO and they signed on the stock book in good faith but Mr. R.N.Seal cheated them.

Further the delinquent officer couldnot produce documents to DRDA, Dhubri to show that the handlooms were distributed to the beneficiaries.The delinquent officer produced a list of beneficiaries but actual payee receipts could not be produced by him.The above 231(two hundred thirty one) sets of handlooms costing Rs.9.24 lakhs were not found in stock either.The delinquent officer's job was to handover the assets directly to beneficiaries and no



middlemen such as G.P Secretaries could be entrusted with the assets.

Hence ,the delinquent officer was charge with misappropriation of 231(two hundred thirty one) sets of handlooms costing Rs.9.24 Lakhs.

Whereas, the above-named Charged Officer submitted his written statement of defence vide letter dated 27/08/99,wherein ,he denied the charges leveled against him.

Whereas, after careful examination of the written statement of defence submitted by the above-named charged officer alongwith the materials on records and being unsatisfied with the statement of defence, it was decided to cause an enquiry into the charges leveled against the charged officer and accordingly, the State Enquiry Officer , Assam was appointed as Inquiry Officer vide Notification No.PDB.121/97/140 dated 16/12/99 to enquire into the charges brought against the charged officer.

Whereas, the Inquiry Officer submitted his enquiry reports vide No.ABE.3/2000/192 dated 7/05/2010, but the Disciplinary Authority after examining the report didnot accepted the findings due to incomplete enquiry done by the State Enquiry Officer.

Whereas, a new State Enquiry Officer was appointed as Inquiry Officer vide Notification No.PDB.121/97/483 dated 29/08/2011 to renquire into the charges brought against the charged officer.

Whereas, the Inquiry Officer submitted his enquiry reports vide No.ABE.4/2012/82 dated 9/12/2016 alongwith findings where it is observed that G.P Secretaries didnot received the looms from the charged officer, no handloom found distributed to targeted beneficiaries and 11 G.P Secretaries signed the stock register in reciept of the handlooms but the same were not received physically by them.

Whereas, the Disciplinary Authority as per Rule 9A of Assam Services (Discipline & Appeal) Rules 1964 , forwarded a copy of Inquiry report to the charged officer with request to submit representation in defence, if any to the charged officer vide No.PRD-12017/4/2017-PRD(B)-533 dated 16/09/2017.

Whereas, after going through the charges and written reply submitted by the charged officer and the report of the Inquiry Officer, the Disciplinary Authority has accepted the enquiry report submitted by the Inquiry Officer.

Whereas, based on record and findings of the Inquiry Officer, the charges of misappropriation of 231(Two hundred Thirty One) sets of handlooms costing Rs.9.24 Lakhs is proved and hence the Disciplinary Authority has decided to recover the pecuniary loss of Rs.9,24,000/- ( Rupees Nine Lakhs Twenty four thousand) only to the Govt. from pension benefits of Shri Rabindra Nath Seal, Retired Block Development Officer, under Rule 21 of Assam Services(Pension) rule 1969.

Whereas, the views of the Assam Public Service Commission was also sought for and the Assam Public Service Commission vide their U/O No. 1377 dated 3/03/2018 has agreed to the Govt. decision to recover the pecuniary loss of Rs.9,24,000/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Twenty Four Thousand) only from the pension of Shri Rabidra Nath Seal,Retired Block Development Officer under Rule 21 of Assam Services(Pension) Rule 1969.

Accordingly, the Governor of Assam is pleased to recover the pecuniary loss of



Rs.9,24,000/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Twenty Four Thousand) only from the pension of Shri Rabindra Nath Seal, Retired Block Development Officer under Rule 21 of Assam Services(Pension) Rule 1969.

The period of his suspension shall be treated as period spent on duty for all purpose.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Assam

Sd/- Dr.J.B.Ekka, IAS

Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Assam  
Panchayat & Rural Development Deptt

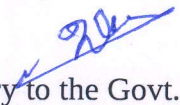
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Dated Dispur, the 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2018

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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 Deputy Commissioner, Dhubri
4. The Project Director, DRDA, Dhubri
5. The Block Development Officer, Birsing Jaruah Development Block, Dhubri for information.
6. The Treasury Officer, Dhubri
7. Shri Rabindra Nath Seal, Retired Block Development Officer, Flat No.103D, Nchar Apartment, Maligaon Chariali, Guwahati, Assam 781012.
8. Office copy.
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By order etc.,

  
Secretary to the Govt. Of Assam  
Panchayat and Rural Development Deptt.