

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM  
PANCHAYAT & RURAL DEVELOPMENT(A) DEPARTMENT  
DISPUR, GUWAHATI-6.

OFFICE ORDER

No. PDA.403/2018/30

dated, 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2020.

Whereas due to prevailing situation of outbreak of COVID-19 in the whole Country, a countrywide lockdown is continuing since March, 24, 2020 which stopped the functioning of the Hat/Ghat/Fisheries/Pound in the State including the jurisdiction of Panchayats of the State.

Whereas as per Assam Panchayat Act, 1994, there is provision for settlement of Hat/Ghat/Fisheries/Pound among the lessee yearly( Panchayat year wise ) by means of bidding.

Now, in view of the present situation, the settlement of Hat/Ghat/Fisheries/Pound as per the provision of Assam Panchayat Act, 1994 by way of floating tender seems to be not feasible and there is every possibility of low bidding as compared to previous year. Also because of the uncertainty of exact time for opening the Hat/Ghat/Fisheries/Pound in the State under the jurisdiction of PRIs, Government in P & RD Department has decided to allow the existing lessee of the Hat/Ghat/Fisheries/Pound to run the Hat/Ghat/Fisheries/Pound at the previous year (2019-20) settlement value which He/She had accepted and took settlement in order to avoid loss of revenue of the PRIs. He/She has also to furnish an undertaking that, he would clear all the pending dues of preceding year's settlement, if not already paid within three months of taking over settlement of the Hat/Ghat/Fisheries/pound in the current Panchayat year, 2020-21.

Whereas, if the present lessee does not come forward for running the Hat/Ghat/Fisheries/Pound, the concerned Zilla Parishad/Anchalik Panchayat as the case may be would run the Hat/Ghat/Fisheries/Pound by weekly/forth weekly auctioning system by taking the bid money in advance before offering the Market to Lessee.

This order will remain valid until further order and subject to change depending in future situation.

Sd/- Dr.J.B.Ekka, IAS  
Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Assam  
Panchayat & Rural Development Department.

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Copy to: 1) All Deputy Commissioner for information.

2) All Chief Executive Officer of Zilla Parishad for information and necessary action.

3) The Commissioner, Panchayat & Rural Development, Assam for information and necessary action.

By order etc.

Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Assam  
Panchayat & Rural Development Department.