

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
FINANCE (ESTABLISHMENT-B) DEPARTMENT
DISPUR::GUWAHATI-06
ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR OF ASSAM
NOTIFICATION

Dated Dispur 27-03-2025

Ecf.No.FEB.273411/169: **WHEREAS**, while Sri Ajit Sonowal was working as Accounts Officer in the office of the O/o the Executive Engineer, PHE, North Lakhimpur Division, Lakhimpur, he was arrested on 19-11-2019 by Officer of Vigilance & Anti-Corruption in connection with Case ACB PS Case No.15/2019 dated 16/11/2019 U/S 7(a) PC Act, 1988 (as amended 2018) for demanding and accepting bribe money amounting to Rs.50,000/- (Rupees fifty thousand) from complainant Sri Makhan Saikia, S/o Late Tularam Saikia, R/O Borimuri. P.O. Chabati.

AND WHEREAS, Sri Ajit Sonowal the then Accounts Officer in O/o the Executive Engineer, PHE, North Lakhimpur Division, Lakhimpur was placed under suspension vide FEB.287/2019/5 dated 07-12-2019 and was reinstated vide Notification No.Ecf.273411/97 dated 01-03-2023.

AND WHEREAS, a charge sheet was issued vide letter No.FEB.287/2019/8 dated 18-06-2020 to Sri Ajit Sonowal, the then Accounts Officer, O/o the Executive Engineer, PHE, North Lakhimpur Division, Lakhimpur.

AND WHEREAS, Sri Ajit Sonowal submitted his reply/written statement in defence explaining the case and circumstances of the case vide his letter dated 06-07-2020, wherein he denied the charges against him.

AND WHEREAS, the appointing authority after examination of the reply was not satisfied and decided to conduct a disciplinary proceeding.

AND WHEREAS, Sri Dilip Kumar Borah, IAS, Secretary, Finance Department was appointed as Inquiry Officer and Smti. Kanta Lahkar, the then Deputy Secretary, Finance (Establishment-B) Department was appointed as Presenting Officer vide No.Ecf.273411/98 dated 18-04-2023 and Notification No.Ecf.237319/133-A dated 07-01-2023 respectively to enquire into the charges drawn up against the delinquent officer. Subsequently Smti. Labanya Konwar, Under Secretary, Finance (Establishment-B) Department was appointed as Presenting Officer vide Notification No.Ecf.474489/2 dated 18-04-2024 consequent upon the promotion and transfer of Smti. Kanta Lahkar, the then Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of Assam to the other Department.

The Inquiry Officer submitted Inquiry report vide letter dated 27-05-2024.

The Inquiry Officer has drawn the conclusion that on consideration of all the statements given by the Delinquent official and the witness and on perusal of all documents, the charges of criminal offense, gross violation of Government Rules & Regulations and serious misconduct is established subject to the outcome of the decision/suggestion/report of the judicial proceeding.

AND WHEREAS, the report submitted by Inquiry Officer in respect of Sri Ajit Sonowal was forwarded to the charged officer vide letter No Ecf.273411/143 dated 01-06-2024

AND WHEREAS Sri , Ajit Sonowal submitted his views/comments vide letter dated 01-07-2024 regarding finding of the enquiry report.

AND WHEREAS, after examining the Inquiry Report submitted by the Inquiry Officer along with the representation of the Delinquent Officer on the Inquiry Report and all other relevant records of the matter, the Disciplinary Authority decided to impose penalty of dismissal from service which shall ordinarily be a disqualification for future employment under Rule 7(vi) of the Assam Service Discipline and Appeal Rules, 1964 upon the Delinquent Officer.

AND WHEREAS, the APSC was consulted on the proposed penalty to be imposed upon the Delinquent Officer and the APSC vide their endorsement endorsement U/O No.1809 dated 03-09-2024 agreed to the Government's decision".

NOW THEREFORE, the Governor of Assam, after careful consideration of all the facts and materials on records submitted by the Disciplinary Authority and after due application of mind, is hereby pleased to impose the penalty of dismissal from service which shall ordinarily be a disqualification for future employment under Rule 7(vi) of the Assam Service Discipline and Appeal Rules, 1964 upon Shri Ajit Sonowal, Accounts Officer, O/o. the General Manager, DICC Sivsagar. Shri Ajit Sonowal, Accounts Officer, O/o. the General Manager, DICC Sivsagar, is dismissed from service with immediate effect.

The period under suspension shall be treated as on duty for pensionary purpose only. He shall not be entitled to receive any pay and allowances for the period under suspension except the subsistence allowance already sanctioned.

With the above order, the Departmental proceeding drawn up against Shri Ajit Sonowal, presently posted as Accounts Officer o/o General Manager DICC Sivsagar is hereby disposed of.

Digitally signed by
ISFAQUR SYED RAHMAN
Date: 27-03-2025

Secretary to the Government of Assam
Finance (Establishment B) Department

Memo Ecf.No.FEB.273411/169-A

Dated Dispur the 27-03-2025

Copy to:

1. The Accountant General (A&E), Assam, Maidamgaon, Beltola, Guwahati-29.
2. P.S. to Hon'ble Minister, Finance Department, for kind information of Hon'ble Minister.
3. P.S. to Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Finance Department, for kind information of Commissioner & Secretary.
4. The Director of Accounts & Treasuries Assam, Kar Bhawan, Dispur.
5. The Executive Engineer, PHE, North Lakhimpur Division, Lakhimpur.
6. The General Manager , Sivsagar DICC, Sivsagar.
7. The Treasury Officer,.....
8. Sri Ajit Sonowal, Accounts Officer, O/o the General Manager, Sivsagar DICC.

By order etc.,

e-signed

**Secretary to the Govt. of Assam
Finance (Establishment-B) Department**