

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL (PERSONNEL :: A)
ASSAM SECRETARIAT (CIVIL) DISPUR
GUWAHATI - 781006.

ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR
NOTIFICATION

Dated Dispur, the 2nd of March, 2024.

No.AAP.41/2023/108: Whereas Smti Sewali Devi Sharma, IAS (U/S), Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Agriculture Department was placed under suspension w.e.f. 18.03.2023 vide Notification No. AAP.41/2023/5 dated 18.03.2023, based on a report received from the School Education Department vide letter eCF No. 221279/227, dated 18.03.2023 with information of gross irregularities and misappropriation of government funds committed by Smti. Sewali Devi Sharma, IAS during her tenure as the Executive Chairman cum Director, SCERT, Assam;

Whereas, the Superintendent of Police, Chief Minister's Special Vigilance Cell has informed vide Memo No. RI/SVC/CASE-03/2023/1064-A, dated 10.05.2023 regarding arrest of Smti Sewali Devi Sharma, IAS (U/S) on 08.05.2023, in connection with Vigilance Police Station Case No. 03/2023 U/S 120B/406/ 409/420/201/468/471 IPC R/W Sec 7A/12/13(1) (a)/13 (2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 R/W Sec 8 of the Assam Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act, 2005 R/W Section 41 of Assam Public Procurement Act 2017;

Whereas; a Review Committee was constituted to review the case of suspension of Smti. Sewali Devi Sharma, IAS, and as per recommendation of the Review Committee, the suspension period of Smti Sewali Devi Sharma, IAS (U/S) was extended for a period of 120 days w.e.f. 18.05.2023 vide Notification No.: AAP.41/2023/72, dated 01.06.2023 and for a further period of 120 days w.e.f. 18.09.2023 vide Notification No: AAP.41/2023/93, dated 10.10.2023;

Whereas, Memorandum of Charges has been issued to Smti Sewali Devi Sharma, IAS (U/S) vide No. AAP.41/2023/76, dated 18.07.2023 and Smti Sewali Devi Sharma, IAS (U/S) vide her letter dated 05.08.2023 through the Superintendent of Central Jail, Guwahati has requested more time to reply in defence against the allegations levelled through the Memorandum of Charges citing her being in the Judicial Custody and health reasons;

Whereas, the matter of suspension of Smti. Sewali Devi Sharma, IAS was again placed before the Review Committee on 21.02.2024, and after examining all the records of the cases against Smti Sewali Devi Sharma, IAS (U/S) and considering the seriousness of the charges which involve moral turpitude, corruption and misuse of official power for personal gain, the Review Committee has recommended for extension of her suspension period. The Disciplinary Authority has hence decided that reinstatement at this stage may not be in the interest of public service and may cause embarrassment to the Government in the public eye;

Now, therefore, the Governor of Assam, is pleased to extend the period of suspension in respect of Smti Sewali Devi Sharma, IAS (U/S) for a further period of 180 (one hundred eighty days) w.e.f. 18.01.2024 or till further order.

By order and in the name of
the Governor of Assam,

Sd/- Jadav Saikia, IAS
Secretary to the Govt. of Assam
Personnel Department

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Memo No. No.AAP.41/2023/108-A

Dated Dispur, the 2nd of March, 2024.

Copy to:-

1. The Accountant General, Assam, Guwahati-29.
2. The Principal Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam.
3. All Principal Secretaries/ Commissioner & Secretaries/Secretaries to the Government of Assam.
4. All Commissioners of divisions, Assam. -
5. The Secretary to the Governor of Assam, Guwahati.
6. The Under Secretary to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pension, Department of Personnel & Training, North Block, New Delhi-110001 for information.
7. The PPS to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam.
8. All District Commissioners/Sub-divisional Officers, Assam.
9. The Deputy Director, Assam Government Press, Guwahati-21 for publication.
10. The PS to Chief Secretary, Assam.
11. The PS to Addl. Chief Secretaries, Assam.
12. Smti Sewali Devi Sharma, IAS, Secretary to the Govt. of Assam (U/S), Agriculture Department. (R/O - Silver Oak Residency, 1st Floor, Flat No. 103, Opp. Sarusajai Stadium, PS - Basistha, Guwahati.)
13. Personal File of the Officer.
14. Departmental Website <https://personnel.assam.gov.in>

By order etc.

Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Assam
Personnel (A) Department