

No.ECF.37481/451
GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL (PERSONNEL-A)
ASSAM SECRETARIAT, BLOCK-A, 3RD FLOOR
DISPUR, GUWAHATI-6

ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR
NOTIFICATION

Dated Dispur, the 31st July, 2023

Whereas, Shri Prateek Hajela, IAS, (AM:1995) was on Inter Cadre Deputation to Madhya Pradesh Government for 03 (three) years w.e.f. 13/11/2019 and his request for further extension of Inter-Cadre Deputation beyond 12/11/2022 on personal grounds was not accepted by Govt. of Assam as well as DoPT, Govt. of India. Accordingly, as per instruction of DoPT, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh released him on 31/3/2023 to parent cadre; and

Whereas, Shri Prateek Hajela, IAS submitted his joining letter dated 01/4/2023 and on the same date, also applied for Voluntary Retirement from service on personal grounds w.e.f. 15/04/2023 by waiver of the requirements of 03 months prior notice condition for Voluntary Retirement as per Rule 16(2) of the AIS (DCRB) Rules 1958; and

Whereas, prior to proceeding on Inter Cadre Deputation, Shri Prateek Hajela, IAS was working as State Coordinator NRC w.e.f. 06/09/2013 to 11/11/2019. While processing the matter of his Voluntary Retirement, Vigilance Clearance Report/ Govt. liability report etc. were called for and reports revealed that a Regular Enquiry by Directorate of Vigilance & Anti-Corruption, Assam and two other criminal cases are pending against him in connection with his tenure as State Coordinator, NRC, Assam; and

Whereas, the draft Audit Paragraphs on "Implementation of NRC Updation project in Assam" submitted by O/o the Accountant General, Assam also resulted in audit paras on the matter which is under examination; and

Whereas, it was also reported that a notice for recovery of Rs.23,05,500/- (Rupees twenty three lakh five thousand five hundred) only was served on Shri Prateek Hajela, IAS and matter is yet to be resolved; and

Whereas, the matter of waiver of requirements of 03 months prior notice condition for Voluntary Retirement under Rule 16(2) of the AIS (DCRB) Rules 1958 and about the subsequent reports regarding pending regular enquiries/ criminal cases/ recovery of amounts etc. was referred to DoPT seeking guidance for deciding the matter of his Voluntary Retirement; and

Whereas, DoPT vide letter No.24012/04/2023-AIS-II(Pension) dated 27/06/2023 suggested that Shri Prateek Hajela, IAS is over 53 years of age, therefore under Rule 16 (2) of All India Services (DCRB) Rules, 1958, the State Government is the competent authority to accept his request for Voluntary Retirement and to take decision on waiver of the notice period. It was also informed to follow the guidelines contained in the OM No. DOPT-1667566069548 dated 20/09/2022 for acceptance of notice of Voluntary Retirement; and

Whereas, the Government of Assam have examined the matter in the light of the extant rules and guidelines; and

Therefore, Government of Assam is pleased to allow Shri Prateek Hajela, IAS, (AM:1995), to proceed on Voluntary Retirement with effect from 01/08/2023 under Rule 16 (2) of All India Services (DCRB) Rules, 1958, subject to following conditions:

- (i) Acceptance of VRS is without prejudice to ongoing Regular Enquiry and investigation against Shri Prateek Hajela, IAS in the cases as well as any DP that may be initiated depending on the findings/ outcome of the Regular Enquiry and the investigations & Audit Reports.
- (ii) As the process for recovery of liabilities is underway, his pensionary benefits are kept in abeyance until further orders.

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

Dated Dispur, the 31st July, 2023

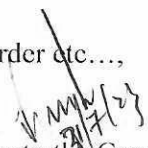
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1. The Principal Accountant General, Assam, Guwahati-29.
2. The Chairman, Assam Administrative Tribunal, Guwahati.
3. The Chairman, Assam Board of Revenue, Guwahati.

4. The Chairman, Assam State Electricity Board, Guwahati.
5. The Chief Secretary to the Govt. Of Meghalaya, Shillong.
6. All Addl. Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretaries/Commissioner & Secretaries/Secretaries to the Govt. of Assam.
7. The Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister, Assam.
8. The Resident Commissioner, Government of Assam, Assam House, New Delhi
9. The Agriculture Production Commissioner, Assam.
10. The Chief Electoral Officer, Assam.
11. All Commissioners of Divisions.
12. The Secretary to the Governor of Assam.
13. P.S. to the Vice Chairman, State Innovation & Transformation Aayog (SITA), Assam, Dispur, Guwahati-06.
14. The Under Secy. To the Govt. Of India, AIS(I), Ministry of Personnel, PG & Pensions, Deptt. of Personnel & Training, New Delhi.
15. The Under Secy. To the Govt. Of India, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances, Career Management Division, New Delhi.
16. The Research Officer, Career Management Division, Deptt. of Personnel & Training, Room No.215, North Block, New Delhi.
17. The Secretary, Assam Legislative Assembly, Dispur.
18. The P.P.S. to Chief Minister, Assam.
19. All Principal Secretaries of the Autonomous Councils.
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21. The Secretary, State Election Commission, Assam.
22. All Heads of Department/Departments of Assam Secretariat.
23. The Deputy Director, Assam Govt. Press, Guwahati-21 for publication.
24. The P.S. to Chief Secretary, Assam.
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By order etc...,


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