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REVENUE & DISASTER MANAGEMENT (LA & A) DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER

The 12th August, 2025

No. LA & A 219560/98.-

Sub: Appointment of Gaon Pradhan in Barak Valley Districts, Assam - regarding.

The Gaon Pradhan system was introduced in the year 2015 in Barak Valley Districts to assist the district administration in terms of local governance, land management and revenue collection vide Government Notification No. RLR.164/2009/256 dated 5th January, 2015.

However, it has been observed that the appointment of Gaon Pradhan in Barak Valley has been pending since then due to varied reasons; the appointment of Gaon Pradhan in Barak Valley region could not proceed even after issue of advertisement in these districts. As a result, the main objective of introduction of Gaon Pradhan system in Barak Valley Districts could not be achieved.

To resolve the issues and for ensuring a seamless appointment process of Gaon Pradhan in Barak Valley Districts, the following clarifications are given:-

1. For the purpose of appointment, the minimum age of a candidate shall be determined based on the last date fixed for submission of applications as per the advertisement. This date shall be treated as the *crucial date* for age determination.
2. In the Barak Valley districts, candidates possessing the following documents shall be considered eligible under the "Inheritance Rule" for appointment as Gaon Pradhans:
 - a) Land ownership documents in the name of their parents;
 - b) Land revenue receipts;

- c) Linkage documents.
3. The district authorities shall scrutinize the applications already submitted, if not done earlier, and accordingly call the eligible candidates to appear for the leadership test.
4. The Selection Board shall assess the leadership qualities and digital competence of the candidates through an objective leadership test of 100 marks, followed by a skill test in IT. The weightage shall be 80:20 respectively, as outlined in the SOP issued by the Revenue & Disaster Management Department vide No. ECF.219560 dated 16th August, 2022.
5. Following additional clarifications/conditions may be stipulated:
- a) The leadership aptitude test and the skill test shall be conducted in English, Assamese and Bengali.
- b) A minimum of 40% marks shall be required to qualify. If no candidate in a particular lot secures 40% or more, the entire selection process for that lot shall Stand cancelled.
- c) Merit lists shall be prepared on a *lot-wise* basis.
- d) In lots where only a single application is received, the candidate shall be selected only if he/she secures 40% or more in the aptitude test. Otherwise, a fresh selection process shall be initiated.
- e) Preference shall not be given to relatives of former Gaon Pradhans, as no appointments were made earlier in these districts.
- f) In case two or more candidates secure equal marks, the tie shall be resolved by giving preference to the older candidate, based on the date of birth recorded in the HSLC certificate. If the tie persists, the marks obtained in the HSLC examination shall be considered, with the candidate securing higher marks being ranked higher, irrespective of the subjects or stream.
- g) The applicant should have completed his/her education in India/Assam.
6. A single centralized leadership aptitude test shall be conducted for the entire district, instead of organizing tests on a lot-wise basis. However, merit lists shall be prepared lot-wise from among the qualified candidates.
7. The date for conducting the leadership aptitude test shall be fixed at the earliest possible date
8. A fresh Selection Committee shall be constituted in the Sribhumi district as per the Executive Instructions. The committee shall proceed with the appointment process using the existing valid applications and complete the process at the earliest.

This Executive Order shall come into force with effect from the date of its notification, and shall be strictly adhered to by all concerned.

This has been issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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