

**GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
POLITICAL DEPARTMENT**

No. PLA(V).80/2001/5

Dated Dispur, the 3rd August, 2001.

**ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR OF ASSAM
NOTIFICATION**

Sub : Vigilance in public administration in Assam

1. The Government of Assam reiterate their firm and priority commitment to all-out efforts for achieving a clean and transparent administration, accountable to the rule of law, responsive to public grievances and free from misdeed and corruption and in this connection, the State Government desire that the vigilance system should function promptly and efficiently.

2. Vigilance literally means watchfulness or alertness. Vigilance in the public administration means watchfulness or alertness against likely misdeed or corruption. The major emphasis in the sphere of vigilance in the public administration is on preventive and precautionary measures to check and minimize likely misdeed and corruption in the sensitive activities in various areas/organizations under different Departments of the Government. Despite the best preventive measures, there may, still, be some instances of misdeed or corruption. Each of these needs to be investigated properly and thoroughly and firm and expeditious action needs to be taken as per law against the wrongdoers within the Government and others. The investigation or inquiry could be Departmental, magisterial, or by the police or by vigilance organization, depending on the situation. While the action against the wrong-doers within the Government could be Departmental action or criminal prosecution or civil action or all or any of them, that against the other could be by way of criminal prosecution or civil action or both. If the investigation/inquiry in specific instances reveals any system deficiency or inadequacy, it would also have to be rectified. Thorough and timely action would have to be ensured in all matters of investigation/inquiry, departmental action, criminal prosecution, system rectification, etc.

3. Vigilance is an innate, intrinsic and inherent duty of every line authority in any organization and it equally applies to the public administration. It is in this context that the Government of Assam reiterate that the Chief Secretary, Assam to be the Vigilance Commissioner of the State's administration, the Secretary of a Department to be the Vigilance Officer of the Department and a Head of the Department to be the Vigilance Officer of the concerned Directorate and every Head of Office to be the Vigilance Officer of that office. In order to energize and make the vigilance system effective and efficient, the Government of Assam have now the Chief Vigilance Commissioner, Assam at the top of the integrated vigilance system in the State's administration and it is desired that the integrated vigilance system should function promptly, efficiently and vigorously towards the goal of clean and transparent administration, accountable to the rule of law, responsive

public grievances and free from misdeed and corruption.

There is to be a streamlined and efficient system of attending to the various public grievances. There should be transparency in the public administration in the State.

Whenever the Chief Vigilance Commissioner, Assam asks to see any paper on any matter relating to any Department, it shall be made available to him by the Secretary or the concerned authority of the Department. The Chief Vigilance Commissioner, Assam shall be consulted by the Departmental authorities through the Secretary of the Department in all matters relating to vigilance. The role of the Chief Vigilance Commissioner Assam is advisory and in all matters relating to vigilance in the public administration in the State his advice shall be given the utmost serious consideration.

The Chief Vigilance Commissioner, Assam shall be deemed to be public servant within the meaning of Section 21 of the Indian Penal Code.

These instructions shall come into force with immediate effect.

(P.K. Bora, I.A.S.)

Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam,
Dispur Guwahati-6.

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- The Commissioner & Secretary to the Chief Minister, Assam, Dispur.
- The Principal Private Secretary to the Chief Minister, Assam, Dispur.
- PSs to all Ministers/Ministers of State, Assam, Dispur.
- PS to Adviser (Education) to Chief Minister, Assam, Dispur.
- The Registrar General, Gauhati High Court, Guwahati.
- The Secretary to the Assam Human Rights Commission, Guwahati.
- The Registrar, Office of the Lokayukta, Assam, Guwahati.
- The Secretary, Assam Public service Commission, Guwahati.
- PS to the Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Dispur.
- PS to the Addl. Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Dispur.
- PS to the Chief Vigilance Commissioner, Assam, Dispur.
- PS to the Director General of Training, Assam administrative staff College, Guwahati.
- The Chairman, Assam administrative Tribunal, Panbazar, Guwahati-1.
- The Chairman, Board of Revenue, Panbazar, Guwahati-1.
- All Principal Secretaries to the Govt. of Assam, Dispur.
- The Accountant General(A&E), Assam Maidamgaon, Guwahati-29.
- The Accountant General (Audit), Assam, Maidamgaon, Guwahati-29.
- All Commissioners & Secretaries to the Government of Assam.
- All Commissioners of Divisions.

21. The Resident Commissioner, Government of Assam, Assam Bhavan, Sardar Peta Marg, New Delhi-21
22. The Secretary, Assam Legislative Assembly, Dispur.
23. All Secretaries to the Government of Assam.
24. All Heads of departments under the Government of Assam.
25. The Trade Adviser, Government of Assam, Assam House, 8-Russel Street, Kolkata-700071.
26. The Director of Assam Government Press, Bamunimaidam, Guwahati-21 for publication of this Government notification in the official gazette (extraordinary) of the Government of Assam and supplying 500 copies of it to the Relations Assam, Dispur.
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28. All Administrative Departments under Government of Assam. The copies of this notification are to be sent to all offices under them.
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31. Principal Secretary, Bodoland Autonomous Council, Kokrajhar.
32. Principal Secretary, Mishing Autonomous Council, Gogamukh, Dhemaji District.
33. Principal Secretary, Rabha Autonomous Council, Dudhnoi, Goalpara District.
34. Principal Secretary, Lalung Autonomous Council, Morigaon.
35. All Deputy Commissioners.
36. All Sub-Divisional Officers.

By order etc.

H. S. DAS, IAS.

Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Assam
Political Department, Dispur, Guwahati-6