

JUSTICE B.K. SHARMA COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
RELATING TO ALLEGATIONS OF ANOMALIES AND MALPRACTICES IN
CONDUCTING EXAMINATIONS BY A.P.S.C.

PUBLIC NOTICE

WHEREAS A COMMISSION OF Inquiry headed by Justice B. K. Sharma, Former Judge, Gauhati High Court has been constituted under Sec. 3 of the Commission of Inquiry Act 1952 vide Govt. Notification No. PLA.440/2015/102/ECF-7268 dated 8th July, 2019 issued under the order of his Excellency the Governor of Assam and under the Signature of the Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of Assam, Home & Political Department to inquire into the allegation of anomalies and malpractices in conduct of examinations by Assam Public Service Commission (APSC).

And whereas the terms of the reference of the Commission of Inquiry as per the said Notification are as follows:

- 1) To inquire into the allegations of anomalies and malpractices in conduct of Civil Service Preliminary and Main Examinations the Result of which was declared on 12th May, 2015;
- 2) To inquire in the entire process of selection of the candidates and role of Chairman and other Members of Assam Public Service Commission therein;
- 3) To inquire into the system followed by Assam Public Service Commission for setting of questions for conducting various examinations including the qualifications, integrity and competency of the question setters and whether the question setters are properly trained and briefed by the Commission; to enquire further whether the Assam Public Service Commission prepares panel of question setters and the modalities for selection of question setters. To suggest improvement in mode of selection and preparation of the panel of dedicated question setters;
- 4) To inquire into the modalities adopted by the Assam Public Service Commission for moderation of questions set for various written examinations whether clear distinction and demarcation is there between question setters and moderators. Incidents in the past where due to ambiguity in answer keys corrective measures had to be taken by the Commission, to ascertain the fault on the part of question setters and ways to eradicate any future possibilities of such situations,
- 5) To inquire and study the system followed by the Commission for holding the viva-voce/interview of the candidates, marking pattern under the existing rules and proper transparency is maintained during the viva-voce/interview of the candidates.
- 6) To study the SOP for entry in strong rooms, access to stocked answer scripts and to ascertain whether there is need for amendments in such SOPs to eradicate any scope for doubts.
- 7) Ascertaining the above facts, to suggest measures for elimination of anomalies and all kinds of malpractices in conduct of examinations by APSC and thereby paving the way for selection of genuine candidates by the Commission and recommendations for framing new rules to be followed by the Commission in future for conducting examinations for recruitment in Government jobs;

Now therefore, the Commission hereby invites written statements of facts, suggestions, views etc. from the members of the public, Organisations, Associations, aggrieved persons etc. acquainted with the facts and circumstances involved in the aforesaid terms of reference or otherwise interested with the same. Such invitations are also extended to all concerned officials of the Government of Assam, APSC, Assam Police, District Administration, Legal Approvers, Candidates defending the examinations etc.

Every such written statement shall state therein such information, relevant facts, suggestions, views etc. in details as may be relevant to the terms of reference and matters incidental thereto.

Every person filling such written statement may also file.

- a) A list of witnesses, if sought to be examined.
- b) A list of documents sought to be relied upon which are in possession either in original or copies thereof. In case of documents not in possession, name and address of such person(s), Office etc. from Whom/Where such documents can be obtained.
- c) Any other information/ documents/ source of information etc. as, may relevant for the purpose of the inquiry.
- d) Written statement should be filled preferably with an affidavit in support of the facts stated therein.

Written statement referred to above shall be submitted (preferably 2 copies) in the Office of the Commission (address given below) either personally or through authorized representative during office hours or by registered posts on or before 13th January, 2020.

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