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ORDER

eCF No. 716651/1113 Dated Dispur, the 13th March, 2026

Whereas, an application for appointment on compassionate ground was submitted by Sri Prasanta Handique, S/o-Late Kanakeswar Handique, whose father served as an Ex-Constable, following the demise of the Government employee on 15-02-2014. The applicant submitted her application for compassionate appointment on 13-03-2014, and the District Level Committee (DLC), Dibrugarh, in its meeting held on 23-12-2022, recommended the candidate for the post of Constable (AB); and

Whereas, the Hon'ble Gauhati High Court, vide order dated 05-04-2025 passed in WP(C) No.6485/2024 (Prasanta Handique vs. State of Assam & Ors.), directed that the case of the instant petitioner is squarely covered by the earlier decision of the court dated 03/04/2025 in WP (C) No. 342/2025 and accordingly the respondent authorities were directed to consider the case of the petitioner for compassionate appointment by placing the case of the petitioner before SLC as expeditiously as possible; and

Whereas, in compliance with the aforesaid directions of the Hon'ble Gauhati High Court and the order dated 03-04-2025 passed in WP (C) No. 342/2025 (Abdul Kadir Bakshi vs. State of Assam & Others), the proposal relating to Sri Prasanta Handiquewas placed before the State Level Committee (SLC) in its meeting held on 24-12-2025 for consideration; and

Whereas, the State Level Committee examined the proposal in light of the provisions contained in Office Memorandum No. ABP.50/2006/Pt/182 dated 01-06-2015 issued by the Personnel (B) Department, read with other relevant provisions governing compassionate appointment that were in force prior to the year 2017, as applicable to cases pending as on 03-04-2025; and

Whereas, the State Level Committee observed that the application for compassionate appointment was submitted on 13-03-2014 and that an inordinate lapse of time has occurred since the date of death of the Government employee and submission of the application, thereby negating the foundational principle of immediacy underlying the scheme of compassionate appointment; and

Whereas, the State Level Committee further observed that the case of the applicant is not in conformity with principle of immediacy as the proposal has lost its relevance due to efflux of time, in view of the law laid down by the Hon'ble Gauhati High Court in WP(C) No. 3875/2005 (*Achyut Ranjan Das vs. State of Assam & Others*), reported in 2006 (4) GLT 674, as well as the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of ***Debabrata Tiwari* (supra),** wherein it has been held that compassionate appointment cannot be claimed or granted after a considerable lapse of time, as the element of immediacy ceases to exist; and

Whereas, the State Level Committee also took note of the settled legal position that compassionate appointment is not a matter of right, but a welfare measure intended to provide immediate financial relief to the family of a deceased Government employee, and that once the period of immediate financial hardship is over, the very object of compassionate appointment stands defeated.; and

Now, therefore, upon due consideration of all relevant facts, records, applicable provisions, and judicial pronouncements, and in compliance with the directions of the Hon'ble Gauhati High Court, the Governor of Assam is pleased to concur with the decision of the State Level Committee and hereby rejects the proposal for appointment on compassionate ground in

respect of Sri Prasanta Handique on account of efflux of time and absence of the element of immediacy. Accordingly, the application of Prasanta Handique for appointment on compassionate ground stands disposed of.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Assam

Secretary to the Govt. of Assam
Home & Political Departments

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1. The Staff Officer to Chief Secretary, Assam for kind appraisal of Chief Secretary.
2. The Assistant Inspector General of Police (W), Assam, Ulubari, Guwahati-07 for kind information and necessary action.
3. The Senior Govt. Advocate, Assam, Gauhati High Court, Guwahati-01 forkind information.
4. P.S to the Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Personnel Department for kind apprisal of Commissioner & Secretary..
5. Prasanta Handique, S/o-Late Kanakeswar Handique, Vill- Demow, PS- Demow, Dist-Sivasagar, Assam, PIN-785662.

By order etc.,

Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of Assam
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