

## Press Release

The State Level Police Recruitment Board has completed the process of recruitment of AB Constables for which advertisement calling applications was published on 24<sup>th</sup> December, 2014. In response to the advertisement, 3,11,198 applications were received, out of which 2,55,589 candidates who were found eligible were called for the Physical Tests, namely, Physical Standards Test (PST) and Physical Eligibility Test (PET). These tests were conducted across the state at 37 numbers of centres in all the districts. All the physical tests were conducted most transparently and all the results declared on the spot to all the appearing candidates. Subsequently, a written test was conducted on 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2015.

The system of recruitment has been designed to be absolutely transparent and impartial by incorporating various elements viz. videography, on the spot declaration of marks obtained in physical tests, pre-defined transparent system of awarding of marks for extra-curricular activities, written test and no interview. The system of the entire recruitment process is designed to be fool-proof and any tampering with the system cannot go un-noticed. As such, wherever reports or complaints were received of mal-practices, the same were enquired into immediately and corrective action taken. Accordingly, the following action was taken :

1. On 25.5.15, two ladies were taken into custody for collecting money promising selection and a criminal case registered at Golaghat PS.
2. One employee of Akshaya Telecommunication Company (ATC), the vendor providing IT support to the conduct of PST/PET, was arrested for rescheduling test date of disqualified candidate by taking money. A criminal case was taken up at Silchar PS.
3. One Police Constable was arrested in Hailakandi for accepting money from a candidate. A criminal case is registered at Hailakandi PS.
4. One Police Constable was suspended for wrongly furnishing the time taken by candidate.
5. One person arrested for impersonating for his brother. A criminal case is taken up at Dhaligaon PS.
6. One candidate changed his father's name and mobile number after disqualification and tried to re-appear in PST/PET. A criminal case is registered at North Lakhimpur PS.
7. One person was arrested at Gauripur PS for collecting money from complainant Abu Salam Sk promising him selection as AB Constable. A criminal case is registered at Gauripur PS.

In addition, Government was also continuously carrying out suo-moto monitoring of the recruitment process. Through this continuous system of monitoring, some attempts at tampering were noticed at 3 (three) centres in the districts of Dhubri, Nagaon and Barpeta. To establish the veracity of such attempts, further enquiries were conducted by Commissioner, NAD and Secretary, Home & Political. Through their enquiries, it was revealed that some unscrupulous elements had actually attempted to tamper with the recruitment process. Considering that maintenance of sanctity of the recruitment process and trust of the public in the system was paramount, Government has decided that the recruitment process in these three districts of Dhubri, Nagaon and Barpeta would be cancelled. Dates for holding the fresh recruitment shall be announced shortly. Through the detection of the aforementioned tampering attempts in the said three districts, Government of Assam reiterates that the recruitment process adopted is fool-proof and anybody found to have indulged in such attempts at tampering shall stand identified. Administrative and criminal action shall be taken against all such persons (including Government officials) found to have indulged in corrupt practices or tampering of results during the recruitment process in the three districts of Dhubri, Nagaon and Barpeta. In view of the above-stated position, presently, the final results shall be declared only for the remaining districts.

Accordingly, except for the districts of Dhubri, Nagaon and Barpeta, District Recruitment Boards shall declare the results for their respective districts today i.e 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2015.