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THE GAUHATI HIGH COURT
(HIGH COURT OF ASSAM, NAGALAND, MIZORAM AND ARUNACHAL PRADESH)

Case No. : WP(C)/345/2026

GADAPANI SARMA
SON OF- LATE GANGADHAR SARMA RESIDENT OF- NEAR AMBIKAGIRI
HIGH SCHOOL, MALIGAON P.O.- MALIGAON, DISTRICT- KAMRUP METRO,
ASSAM PIN-781011

VERSUS

THE STATE OF ASSAM
TO BE REPRESENTED BY THE COMMISSIONER AND SECRETARY TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND
HORTICULTURE, JANATA BHAWAN ASSAM SECRETARIAT COMPLEX,
DISPUR, GUWAHATI- 781006

2:THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND STATE NODAL OFFICER
CSS-ATMA
KRISHI BHAWAN
GS ROAD
KHANAPARA
GUWAHATI- 781022
ASSAM

3:THE DIRECTOR

SAMETI
ASSAM
KHANAPARA
GUWAHATI- 781022
ASSAM

4:THE DISTRICT AGRICULTURE OFFICER AND PROJECT DIRECTOR

CSSATMA

KAMRUP
ASSAM

5:ASSAM AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY
JORHAT-785013
ASSAM TO BE REPRESENTED BY ITS REGISTRA

For the petitioner (s) : Mr. A. R. Bhuyan, Advocate

For the respondent (s) : Ms. G. Borah, SC, Agriculture

BEFORE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEVASHIS BARUAH
ORDER

28.01.2026

Issue notice making it returnable on 11.02.2026.

2. Ms. G. Borah, the learned counsel accepts notice on behalf of all the respondents. Extra copies of the writ petition be served upon her during the course of the day.

3. The petitioner herein who was employed as Block Technology Manager in the centrally sponsored scheme "Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms," was not granted an extension beyond March, 2025. The case of the petitioner is that taking into account that the petitioner is 60 years old, the Respondent Authorities ought to have granted an extension to the petitioner as the petitioner's report so submitted by the higher ups were satisfactory. The allegation made in the writ petition is that similarly situated persons like the petitioner

have been extended, but for no reason the petitioner's services were not extended.

4. The respondents are directed to apprise this Court as to why the petitioner's services were not extended and whether there is any possibility of extending the services of the petitioner in the near future by next date.

5. It is clarified herein that though there is a challenge to the advertisement dated 10.12.2025, however, the issuance of the notice in the instant proceedings shall not act as an impediment to the said recruitment process initiated on the basis thereof.

6. List accordingly.

JUDGE

Comparing Assistant