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

**Case No. : WP(C)/438/2026**

SHEFALIKA SINHA  
W/O. KRISHNADHAN SINHA, VILL. ALAGPUR, P.O. RAJNAGAR, P.S.  
SILCHAR, PIN- 788021.

VERSUS

THE STATE OF ASSAM AND 4 ORS  
REPRESENTED BY THE COMMISSIONER AND SECRETARY TO THE  
GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM, PANCHAYAT AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT, DISPUR, GUWAHATI -781006, ASSAM.

2:THE DIRECTOR OF PENSION  
ASSAM  
HOUSEFED COMPLEX  
BELTOLA  
P.O. BELTOLA  
GUWAHATI-781028  
ASSAM

3:THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
CACHAR ZILLA PARISHAD  
P.O. AND P.S. SILCHAR  
DIST. CACHAR-788001  
ASSAM

4:THE BLOCK DEVELOPMENT OFFICER  
SALCHAPRA DEVELOPMENT BLOCK  
P.O. SALCHAPRA  
DIST- CACHAR- 788102  
ASSAM

5:THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL (A AND E)

ASSAM  
MAIDAMGAON  
BELTOLA  
P.O. BELTOLA  
GUWAHATI-781029  
ASSA

For the Petitioner(s) : Mr. H.A. Laskar, Advocate

For the Respondent(s) : Mr. A. Chakraborty, Govt. Advocate  
Mr. S. Dutta, Standing Counsel  
Mr. R.K. Talukdar, Standing Counsel

**BEFORE**  
**HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE DEVASHIS BARUAH**

**ORDER**

**Date : 06.02.2026**

Issue notice making it returnable on 27.02.2026.

2. Mr. S. Dutta, the learned Standing Counsel appears on behalf of the respondent Nos. 1, 3 and 4; Mr. A. Chakraborty, the learned Government Advocate appears on behalf of the respondent No. 2 and Mr. R.K. Talukdar, the learned Standing Counsel appears on behalf of the respondent No. 5 and accepts notice.

3. Extra copies of the writ petition be served upon the respective counsels during the course of the day.

4. At the outset, it is very pertinent to take note of that the petitioner is 84 years old. Her husband who was rendering

service as a Tax Collector under Salchapra Anchalik Panchayat, Cachar Zilla Parishad retired on 28.02.1998. Unfortunately, the pension proposal was forwarded by the Chief Executive Officer, Cachar Zilla Parishad only in the year 2013. In the year 2015, the husband of the petitioner received leave encashment to the tune of Rs. 48,256/-. However, on 05.12.2016, which is almost a decade ago, the Director of Pension, Assam returned the pension proposal citing certain deficiencies and directed re-submission after removal of the same. The husband of the petitioner expecting that he would one day receive the pension expired without finalization of his pensionary benefits. The petitioner also submitted a representation before the concerned Respondent Authorities, but the petitioner is yet to know its outcome.

5. It is disheartening to note that the petitioner at the age of 84 years is compelled to knock the doors of this Court seeking redressal of her grievance. The materials on record reveal a very dismal state of affairs.

6. Taking into account the above, this Court, therefore, directs the respondents herein to bring on record their stand by filing the affidavits, as to why, the petitioner's husband, during his lifetime, as well as the petitioner thereafter have not been provided the pensionary benefits.

7. The said affidavit be filed on or before 25.02.2026.
8. This Court further observes that there shall be no bar on the part of the Respondent Authorities in processing the pensionary entitlements of the petitioner and submitting an update on the next date.
9. List accordingly.

**JUDGE**

**Comparing Assistant**