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

Case No. : WP(C)/329/2026

SHREE GEETA GAUSHALA PARAMARTH SANSTHA
REPRESENTED HEREIN BY CHIEF TRUSTY NAMELY, HANUMAN PRASAD
BAHETI, SON OF BHERUDHAN BAHETI, AGED ABOUT 69 YEARS,
ADDRESS SHREE GEETA ASHRAM, PADUMANI, NH-37, A.T. ROAD,
JORHAT-785010

VERSUS

THE STATE OF ASSAM
REPRESENTED HEREIN BY ITS COMMISSIONER SECRETARY TO THE
GOVT. OF ASSAM, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY VETERINARY DEPARTMENT,
ADDRESS I-BLOCK, 3RD FLOOR, JANATA BHAWAN, DISPUR, GUWAHATI-
781006, DIST-KAMRUP (M), ASSAM

2:THE DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY VETERINARY
GOVT. OF ASSAM
ADDRESS - CHENIKUTHI
GUWAHATI-781003
DIST.- KAMRUP(M)
ASSAM

3:THE COMMISSIONER AND SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF ASSAM
FINANCE DEPARTMENT
ADDRESS- GROUND FLOOR
F BLOCK
JANATA BHAWAN
DISPUR
GUWAHATI-781006
DIST KAMRUPM
ASSAM

4:THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER
THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

BARUAH CHOWK
AT ROAD
ATILAGAON
JORHAT-785001
ASSAM.

5:THE DISTRICT ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND VETERINARY OFFICER
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ANIMAL HUSBANRY VETERINARY OFFICER
GOVT.OF ASSAM
ADDRESS OLD CIRCUIT HOUSE ROAD
MALOW ALI
JORHAT-785001
ASSAM

Advocate for the Petitioner : MR. B BORGOHAIN, MR M M ZAMAN,MR A N SARMAH,MR.
S CHAMARIA

Advocate for the Respondent : GA, ASSAM, SC, FINANCE

BEFORE
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE MANISH CHOUDHURY

ORDER

Date : 04.02.2026

Heard Mr. S. Chamaria, learned counsel for the petitioner; Mr. M. Bhuyan, learned counsel appearing on behalf of Mr. B. Gogoi, learned Standing Counsel, Finance Department for the respondent no. 3; and Mr. K. Gogoi, learned Additional Senior Government Advocate, Assam for the respondent no. 4.

2. The petitioner is a registered Gaushala/Cow Shelter Home, engaged in preservation, protection and welfare of cows and is duly recognised by the Animal Welfare Board of India. On the basis of directions given by Courts of competent jurisdiction, seized cattles were entrusted to the custody of the petitioner from time to time for their safe keeping, feeding, medical care, etc. As a result, an amount of Rs. 16,16,29,460/- has accumulated upto 30.11.2024 towards maintenance expenses as arrears. The petitioner has contended that under Rule 12[4] of the Assam Cattle Preservation Rules, 2022, the State Government is statutorily obligated to reimburse such maintenance expenses incurred by the petitioner

Gaushala/Cow Shelter Home.

3. Issue notice, returnable on 11.03.2026.

4. As Mr. Bhuyan has appeared and accepted notice on behalf of the respondent no. 3; and Mr. Gogoi has appeared and accepted notice on behalf of the respondent no. 4, issuance of formal notice in respect of the said respondents stand dispensed with. The learned counsel for the petitioner shall serve extra copies of the writ petition along with annexures, to Mr. Bhuyan and Mr. Gogoi within 2 [two] working days from today.

5. The petitioner shall also serve requisite nos. of extra copies of the writ petition along with annexures to the learned Standing Counsel Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Department within 2 [two] working days from today for service of notice upon the respondent nos. 1, 2 & 5.

6. The name of the learned Standing Counsel, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Department for the respondent nos. 1, 2 & 5 be reflected in the respondents' side in the cause-list.

JUDGE

Comparing Assistant