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

Case No. : PIL/12/2024

1: GITIKA BHATTACHARJYA AND 12 ORS.

W/O- SAILEN BHATTA, D/O- LATE PABITRA BHATTACHARJYA,
R/O- A-1, TULIP VILLA, DAKHIN GAON ROAD, KAHILIPARA, KAMRUP (M),
PIN-781019, ASSAM OCCUPATION- SOCIAL ACTIVIST, AUTHOR,
MANAGING DIRECTOR AT SAGIVISH DISTILLARIES PVT. LTD.

2: JOYSHREE MUNSHI

W/O- SIDDHARTH SINGHAL R/O- TOWER C2 FLAT NO- 1005 TULIP GRAND
APARTMENTS OPPOSITE O.P JINDAL GLOBAL UNIVERSITY SECTOR 35
SONIPAT-131029 HARYANA OCCUPATION- ASSTT. PROFESOR AT
UNIVERSITY AND RESEARCHER IN SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY

3: RAJARSHI RANJAN NANDY

S/O- SUJIT KUMAR NANDY R/O- AC 237 STREET NO- 39 ACTION AREA 1
NEW TOWN KOLKOTA-56 BENGAL OCCUPATION-AUTHOR COLUMNIST
AN UPASAKA

4: YOGENDRA KHUSHIRAM SHARMA

S/O- KHUSHIRAM SHARMA R/O- M-55/A ADANI SAMSARA GOLF COURSE
EXTENSION ROAD SECTOR 60 GURGAON-122001 HARYANA OCCUPATION-
SENIORMANAGEMENT POSITION WITH AN INDIAN SUBSIDIARY OF
JAPANESE MULTINATIONAL COMPANY

5: AMIT JUMAR JAIN

S/O- ABHAY KUMAR JAIN R/O- 19 2ND CROSS JALADARSHINI LAYOUT
RMV 2ND STAGE SANJAY NAGAR BENGALURU -94 KARNATAKA
OCCUPATION-SALES IT H/W

6: DR. EASHA RAMAWAT

D/O- MANOHAR RAMAWAT R/O- 306 ROMANSQUE CHIKOTI GARDENS
BEGUMPET HYDERABAD-16 TELAMGAMNA OCCUPATION-DOCTOR-
OPHTHALMOLOGIST

7: NITIKA SHARMA

D/O- NAVEEN KUMAR SHARMA R/O- 23 BANK COLONY NEW JAWAHAR
NAGAR JALANDHAR PUNJAB. OCCUPATION- ASTROLOGER

8: RAMANJANEYALU RAMAKRISHNA VALMIKI
S/O- A RAMAKRISHNA R/O- 47 SUNCITY HERITAGE NEAR SHABARI
NAGAR KUSUGAI ROAD HUBLI-23 KARNATAKA OCCUPATION-DIRECTOR-
HIBISCUS NEOTECH PVT.LTD

9: ISHANI BASU RAY
D/O- JAYANTA BASU RAY R/O- 26/S/A BLOCK
B NEW ALIPORE KOLKATA-53 BENGAL

10: PRUTHVI M.E
S/O- EREGOWDA M.P R/O- 5467 2ND FLOOR 8TH CROSS KANAK DASA
NAGARA DATTAGALLI 3RD STAGE MYSORE-23 KARNATAKA

11: KAPUGANTY VAMSI KIRAN
S/O- SURYA RAO KAPUGANTY R/O- SHREYAS 15-2-6 BEHIND GRAND BAY
HOTEL BESIDE SAIRAM APARTMENT MAHARANIPETA VISHAKAPATNAM-
02 ANDHRA PRADESH

12: D.H PAVANKUMAR
S/O- D.S HANUMESH R/O- 131 A 3RD WARD MAJOR
SANDEEP ROAD BAGEPALLI-07 KARNATAKA

13: KANDALA ROHINI
D/O- NUTI RAJAGOPAL R/O- PLOT NO-161
DEFENCE COLONY SAINIKPURI P.O- SECUNDRABAD-9

VERSUS

1: UNION OF INDIA AND 7 ORS. THROUGH SECRETARY , MINISTRY OF
CULTURE, GOVT. OF INDIA, 502-C WING, SHASTRI BHAWAN, NEW DELHI-
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2:MINISTRY OF TOURISM GOVT. OF INDIA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY
CHAIRMAN OF PRASHAD SCHEME R. NO-109 TRANSPORT BHAWAN
1- PARLIAMENT STREET NEW DELHI-01

3:ARCHEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA THROUGH ITS DIRECTOR
GENERAL DHAROHAR BHAWAN 24 TILAK MARG NEW DELHI-01

4:THE CHAIRMAN PM DEVINE SCHEME SECRETARY MINISTRY OF
DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION VIGYAN BHAWAN
ANNEXE MAULANA AZAD ROAD NEW DELHI-11

5:THE STATE OF ASSAM THROUGH ITS CHIEF SECRETARY GOVERNMENT
OF ASSAM BLOCK-C 3RD FLOOR ASSAM SACHIVALAYA DISPUR

GUWAHATI-06

6:PUBLIC WORKS (BUILDING AND NATIONAL HIGHWAY) DEPTT.
THROUGH ITS SPECIAL COMMISSIONER AND SPECIAL SECRETARY TO
THE GOVT OF ASSAM BLOCK B GROUND FLOOR ASSAM SECRETARIAT
DISPUR GUWAHATI-06

7:DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS THROUGH DIRECTOR
DIRECTORATE OF ARCHAEOLOGY GOVT. OF ASSAM GOPINATH
BORDOLOI ROAD AMBARI GUWAHATI ASSAM PIN-781001

8:DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM THROUGH PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
GOVT. OF ASSAM ASSAM SECRETARIAT (CIVIL) BLOCK F 3RD FLOOR
DISPUR GUWAHATI-06 ASSAM

Linked Case : WP(C)/2700/2024

NAVAJYOTI SARMA
SON OF LATE TRILOCHAN SARMA RESIDENT OF KAMAKHYA MANDIR
GUWAHATI- 781010 DISTRICT- KAMRUP(METROPOLITAN) ASSAM.

VERSUS

1: UNION OF INDIA AND 9 ORS. REPRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY
MINISTRY OF CULTURE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA 502-C WING SHASTRI
BHAWAN NEW DELHI- 110001.

2:MINISTRY OF TOURISM GOVERNMENT OF INDIA THROUGH ITS
SECRETARY CHAIRMAN OF PRASHAD SCHEME R.NO. 109 TRANSPORT
BHAWAN 1- PARLIAMENT STREET NEW DELHI 110001.

3:ARCHEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA THROUGH ITS DIRECTOR GENERAL
DHAROHAR BHAWAN 24 TILAK MARG NEW DELHI 110001.

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DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION VIGYAN BHAWAN ANNEXE
MAULANA AZAD ROAD NEW DELHI 110001.

5:THE STATE OF ASSAM THROUGH ITS CHIEF SECRETARY GOVERNMENT
OF ASSAM BLOCK-C 3RD FLOOR ASSAM SACHIVALAYA DISPUR
GUWAHATI- 781006.

6:PUBLIC WORKS (BUILDING AND NATIONAL HIGHWAY) DEPARTMENT
THROUGH ITS SPECIAL COMMISSIONER AND SPECIAL SECRETARY TO
THE GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM BLOCK B GROUND FLOOR ASSAM
SECRETARIAT DISPUR GUWAHATI- 781006.

7:DIRECTOR OF ARCHAEOLOGY ASSAM GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
GOPINATH BORDOLOI ROAD AMBARI GUWAHATI ASSAM 781001.

8:DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS THROUGH ITS DIRECTOR
DIRECTORATE OF ARCHAEOLOGY GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
GOPINATH BORDOLOI ROAD AMBARI GUWAHATI ASSAM 781001.

9:DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM THROUGH PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM ASSAM SECRETARIAT (CIVIL) BLOCK-F
3RD FLOOR DISPUR GUWAHATI-781006 ASSAM.

10:LARSEN AND TOUBRO LIMITED REPRESENTED BY ITS CHAIRMAN AND
MANAGING DIRECTOR AND HAVING ITS OFFICE AT MOUNT
POONAMALEE ROAD MANAPAKKAM CHENNAI- 600089 TAMIL NADU.

For the Petitioner(s) : Mr. N.K. Baruah, Advocate in PIL No.12/2024.
: Mr. K.P. Pathak, Advocate in WP(C) No.2700/2024.

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Senior Govt. Advocate, Assam.
: Mr. R.K.D. Choudhury, Deputy Solicitor General of India.
: Mr. R. Borpujari and Ms. R. Barua, Advocates for respondent No.10.

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HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. ASHUTOSH KUMAR
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN DEV CHOUDHURY

11.02.2026

(Ashutosh Kumar, CJ)

Let these matters come up for consideration on **12.02.2026**.

JUDGE

CHIEF JUSTICE

Comparing Assistant