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

Case No. : WP(C)/652/2018

RICHARD SANGYUNG
S/O- SRI RABINDRA SANGYUNG, SAMBUDHANPUR, P.O./P.S.- MAIBANG,
MAIBANG, DIST- DIMA HASAO, ASSAM, PIN-788831

VERSUS

THE STATE OF ASSAM AND 4 ORS.
REP. BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF ASSAM, SACHIVALAYA,
DISPUR, GHY-6

2:THE COMMISSIONER AND SECRETARY
HOME AND POLITICAL DEPTT.
GOVT. OF ASSAM
SACHIVALAYA
DISPUR
GHY-6

3:THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE
GOVT. OF ASSAM
ASSAM POLICE (H.Q)
ULUBARI
GHY-7

4:THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
DIMA HASAO DISTRICT
HALFLONG
DIMA HASAO
ASSAM
PIN-788831

5:THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE
DIMA HASAO DISTRICT

HALFLONG
DIMA HASAO
ASSAM
PIN-78883

Advocate for the Petitioner : MR. S BORTHAKUR, MR. V RAJKHOWA, MR. D GOGOI

Advocate for the Respondent : GA, ASSAM, MS. D D BARMAN, ADDL. SR. GOVT. ADV. ,SC,
DIMA HASAO, MR. K GOSWAMI

BEFORE
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE KALYAN RAI SURANA
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE N. UNNI KRISHNAN NAIR

ORDER

Date : 02.09.2025
(K.R. Surana, J)

Heard Mr. V. Rajkhowa, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr. D. Nath, learned Senior Govt. Advocate, assisted by Mr. N. Kalita, learned APP.

2. Pursuant to the order dated 27.08.2025, the learned Senior Govt. Advocate has produced a communication dated 31.08.2025 received from the Inspector General of Police (Logistics cum Central Range and Hills Range), Assam, suggesting a timeline of 30 days to complete the investigation in Maibang PS Case No. 06/2018 under Sections 325/302/34 IPC and 60 days to complete the investigation in Maibang PS Case No. 02/2018 under Sections 120(B)/ 143 /144 /145/ 147/ 148/ 332/ 333/ 353/ 435/307/188/34 IPC read with Sections 3/4 of PDPP Act.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner has provided a copy of compilation on behalf of the petitioner. The said compilation along with the copy of communication dated 31.08.2025 is retained on record.

4. At this stage, the learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that from the materials available on record, he can pin point certain inconsistencies in the investigation and that there are two versions of investigation of the same offence and accordingly, he has submitted that no purpose would be served by allowing the investigation to be completed at this belated stage after 7 years of the incident and therefore, he presses his prayer for an independent judicial enquiry.

5. We have considered the said submissions. However, as the learned Senior Govt. Advocate has produced instructions suggesting a tentative timeline to complete the investigation in the manner in which it is proposed and recorded hereinbefore, the Court is inclined to accept the prayer made by the learned Senior Govt. Advocate to allow further 30 days' time from today to the Police/ Investigating Officer to complete the investigation of Maibang PS Case No. 06/2018 and 60 days' time from today to complete the investigation of in Maibang PS Case No. 02/2018.

6. The Court hopes and trusts that as the proposed timeline, prayed for by the learned Senior Govt. Advocate is being allowed, the competent authorities in the establishment of the Director General of Police, Assam shall ensure that the Investigating Officer, who is now assigned to take up the investigation of those two cases, shall be retained till the completion of the investigation of those two cases within the timeline as suggested above.

7. The Court requests the learned Senior Govt. Advocate to transmit a copy of this order to the Director General of Police, Assam as well as to the Inspector General of Police (Logistics cum Central Range and Hills Range), Assam so as to ensure that the investigation is carried out in right earnest and completed within the tentative timeline suggested by his communication dated

31.08.2025.

8. List the matter on 16.10.2025.

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Comparing Assistant