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

**Case No. : WP(C)/1268/2026**

BABUL NATH  
S/O- SHRI MONORANJAN NATH, R/O- EX- POLICE LINE, TEZPUR, P.O. AND  
P.S. TEZPUR, DISTRICT- SONITPUR, ASSAM

VERSUS

THE STATE OF ASSAM AND 7 ORS  
REPRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM,  
FOREST DEPARTMENT, GUWAHATI-06

2:THE JOINT SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM  
FOREST DEPARTMENT  
DISPUR  
GUWAHATI-6

3:PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FOREST AND HEAD OF FOREST  
FORCE  
ASSAM  
ARANYA BHAWAN  
PANJABARI  
GUWAHATI-37

4:THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FOREST (T)  
LOWER ASSAM ZONE  
BASISTHA  
GUWAHATI-29

5:THE CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FOREST AND NODAL OFFICER (FOREST  
CONSERVATION ACT)  
ASSAM  
ARANYA BHAWAN  
PANJABARI

GUWAHATI- 27

6:THE CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS  
LOWER ASSAM S..F. CIRCLE  
BONGAIGAON

7:THE DEPUTY SECRETARY  
MINES AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT  
DISPUR  
GUWAHATI-6

8:THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER  
DHUBRI FOREST DIVISION  
DHUBR

**Advocate for the Petitioner** : MR. B D DEKA, MR. A PHUKAN,MS S SARMA HAZARIKA

**Advocate for the Respondent** : SC, FOREST,

**BEFORE**  
**HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE MANISH CHOUDHURY**

**ORDER**

**Date : 01.04.2026**

Ms. S. Sarma Hazarika, learned counsel for the petitioner; Mr. R.R. Gogoi, learned Standing Counsel, Forest & Environment Department for the respondent nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 8; and Mr. G. Bokolial, learned Junior Government Advocate, Assam for the respondent no. 7 are present.

Mr. Gogoi, learned Standing Counsel, Forest & Environment Department has submitted that the necessary instructions to file counter affidavit are not yet received. He has, thus, sought for 3 [three] weeks' time to obtain the records and to file the counter affidavit on behalf of the respondents.

The prayer is allowed.

List the case on 13.05.2026.

The interim order passed earlier shall continue till the next date of listing.

**JUDGE**

**Comparing Assistant**