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

Case No. : PIL/22/2026

ARKASISH CHALIHA AND ANR
S/O SRI. KIRIP CHALIHA R/O H.NO. 248, ZOO ROAD TINIALI GUWAHATI
781026, ASSAM.

2: MAHESH DEKA
S/O SRI. DANDIRAM DEKA R/O H.NO. 13
BHAGADUTTAPUR KAHILIPARA
GUWAHATI 781019 ASSA

VERSUS

THE UNION OF INDIA AND 7 ORS.
REPRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT
AND HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT BHAWAN, 1, PARLIAMENT STREET, NEW
DELHI 110001.

2:THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT
FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY
INDIRA PARYAVARAN BHAWAN JORBAGH ROAD
NEW DELHI - 110003.

3:THE STANDING COMMITTEE
NATIONAL BOARD FOR WILD LIFE
REPRESENTED BY ITS CHAIRPERSON
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT
FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
INDIRA PARYAVARAN BHAWAN
JORBAGH ROAD
NEW DELHI - 110003.

4:THE WILDLIFE INSTITUTE OF INDIA

REPRESENTED BY ITS DIRECTOR
POST BOX NO. 18
CHANDRABANI
DEHRADUN 248001
UTTARAKHAND.

5:THE COMMISSIONER AND SECRETARY

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT
FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
DISPUR
GUWAHATI 781006.

6:THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FOREST AND HEAD OF
FOREST FORCE

ARANYA BHAWAN
PANJABARI
GUWAHATI 781037.

7:THE COMMISSIONER AND SECRETARY

PUBLIC WORKS ROADS DEPARTMENT
DISPUR
GUWAHATI 781006.

8:THE NATIONAL HIGHWAYS AUTHORITY OF INDIA (NHAI)

REPRESENTED BY ITS CHAIRMAN
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SECTOR - 10
DWARKA
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Advocate for the Petitioner : MR. V RAJKHOWA, MR A.J.SARMA,MS. E C VAIPHEI

Advocate for the Respondent : DY.S.G.I., DEBOJIT BORKAKATI(R8),MR B HAZARIKA (R-8),MRS. A GAYAN (R-8),MR. G PEGU(C.G.C.)R1,2,3,SC, FOREST,GA, ASSAM,SC, NHAI

BEFORE
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR MEDHI
HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE SHAMIMA JAHAN

ORDER

30.04.2026

(S.K. Medhi, J)

Heard Shri K.N. Choudhury, learned Senior Counsel assisted by Shri V. Rajkhowa, learned counsel for the petitioners. Also heard Shri P.N. Goswami, learned AAG, Assam, Shri D. Borkakati, learned counsel for the NHAI and Shri S.K. Medhi, learned CGC.

While affidavits have been exchanged with the NHAI, the learned Senior Counsel for the petitioners has prayed for some time to file rejoinder affidavit to the affidavit-in-opposition filed by the State.

The matter is accordingly adjourned to be listed on 07.05.2026 by which time, the rejoinder affidavit is required to be filed.

JUDGE

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Comparing Assistant