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

**Case No. : WP(C)/1705/2026**

GARIYASHI TAMULY AND 3 ORS  
, DAUGHTER OF DHRUBA JYOTI TAMULY, RESIDENT OF HOUSE NO. 11,  
RUPALIM PATH, RUKMININAGAR, GUWAHATI, DISTRICT KAMRUP  
METROPOLITAN, ASSAM 781006

2: BANASMITA BARMAN

DAUGHTER OF SASHI KANTA BARMAN  
RESIDENT OF GOAPL BAZAR  
POST OFFICE GOPAL BAZAR  
POLICE STATION NALBARI  
DISTRICT NALBARI  
ASSAM-781353

3: BIKASH JYOTI GHARPHALIA

SON OF BIMAL CHANDRA GHARPHALIA  
RESIDENT OF KODOMONI GAON  
POST OFFICE AND POLICE STATION CHABUA  
DISTRICT DIBRUGARH  
ASSAM-786184

4: BANAJIT DEKA

SON OF LATE RAMCHARAN DEKA  
RESIDENT OF SARUPETA  
POST OFFICE SARUPETA  
POLICE STATION PATACHARKUCHI  
DISTRICT BAJALI  
ASSAM-781318

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA AND 6 ORS

REPRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCE,  
PRITHVI BHAWAN OPPOSITE TO INDIA HABITAT CENTRE, LODHI ROAD,  
NEW DELHI 110003

2:MINISTRY OF FINANCE  
DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE  
REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY  
KARTAVYA BHAWAN - I  
NEW DELHI

3:INDIAN METEOROLOGICAL DEPARTMENT  
REPRESENTED BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF METEOROLOGY  
MAUSAM BHAWAN  
LODHI ROAD  
NEW DELHI 110003

4:INDIAN COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH  
  
REPRESENTED BY ITS DIRECTOR GENERAL  
KRISHI BHAWAN  
NEW DELHI-110001.

5:AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY APPLICATION RESEARCH INSTITUTE  
GUWAHATI  
REPRESENTED BY ITS DIRECTOR  
KAHIKUCHI  
GANAKPARA  
GUWAHATI  
ASSAM 781015

6:SCIENTIST G  
HEAD  
AGROMET ADVISORY SERVICES DIVISION  
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES  
INDIAN METEOROLOGICAL DEPARTMENT  
MAUSAM BHAWAN  
LODHI ROAD  
NEW DELHI 110003.

7:ASSAM AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY  
  
JORHAT  
REPRESENTED BY ITS REGISTRAR  
JORHAT  
ASSAM 785013

**Advocate for the Respondent : DY.S.G.I., SC, AAU**

**BEFORE  
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SOUMITRA SAIKIA**

**ORDER**

**20.03.2026**

Heard Mr. D Das, learned counsel for the petitioners.

This writ petition is filed by the petitioners who are stated to be serving as Subject Matter Specialist (Agro-meteorology) under the Gramin Krishi Mausam Seva (GKMS) Scheme in Krishi Vigyan Kendras and posted in various places as reflected in their orders of appointment on 27.07.2019. In terms of the scheme, they were appointed and these posts are shown to be temporary and likely to continue so long as the sanction for its continuance is available from the Indian Meteorological Department, Government of India and in case of closure of scheme, their services will be terminated. This appointment was issued through the Registrar of the Assam Agricultural University. However, the co-terminus with their closure of the scheme whereupon their services will be terminated and the University does not take any responsibility for their absorption of the services of the University. Their posts are transferable and they may be required to serve in any place within the jurisdiction of the University.

According to the petitioner, by impugned communication dated 06.03.2026 issued by the respondent No. 6 to the Deputy Director General and all Directors of the Agricultural Technology Application Research Institutes (ATARIs) informing them that the GKMS under the ACROSS Scheme was approved for the period of 2021-2026 i.e. upto March, 2026 only and therefore all District Agromet Units (DAMU) manpower are to be informed that their services will be

concluded. All admissible salaries and other related expenditures are to be settled within the FY 2025-26 and no financial or contractual liability shall be carried forward.

The petitioners apprehend that the services will be terminated in terms of the communication dated 06.03.2026 although according to the information of the writ petitioners that the Scheme has been extended beyond 2026 for another period of five years. However, no official information or communication is available with them. It is apprehended that for reasons best known to the respondents, they are seeking to terminate the petitioners on the pretext of the Scheme not being extended. Therefore, they are before this Court seeking adequate protection.

Mr. S.K. Medhi, learned CGC appearing for the respondents No. 1 to 6 submits that he has no instructions in the matter as the matter is listed today in the production list. He submits that he will be permitted to obtain his instructions and prays for a week's time.

Accordingly, let this matter be listed on **30.03.2026** on which date, the respondents will apprise the Court as to whether the GKMS Scheme has been extended for another period of five years beyond March, 2026 and if so the status of the employees like the writ petitioners who are serving as DAMU manpower.

Let these instructions be placed before the Court on the next date of listing.

Till the next date fixed, the status quo be maintained with regard to the service of the writ petitioners.

The learned counsel for the petitioners must ensure service of extra copies on all the counsel for the respondents including the learned CGC as well as the counsel representing the Assam Agricultural University today itself.

List accordingly.

**JUDGE**

**Comparing Assistant**