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

Case No. : WP(C)/1753/2024

CLIFORD SANGMA
S/O- LATE EMARSON MARAK, VILL.- KASKONA, P.O. DAMAS, P.S. MENDI,
DIST. NORTH GARO HILLS, MEGHALAYA, PIN- 783122.

VERSUS

THE STATE OF ASSAM AND 3 ORS.
REPRESENTED BY THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF ASSAM,
HOME AND POLITICAL DEPARTMENT, DISPUR, GUWAHATI-06.

2:THE COMMISSIONER AND SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF ASSAM
FINANCE DEPTT.
DISPUR
GUWAHATI-06.

3:THE ASSAM STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY (ASLSA)

REPRESENTED BY ITS MEMBER SECRETARY
UZANBAZAR
GUWAHATI-01.

4:THE DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY (DLSA)
GOALPARA
REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY
P.O. GALPARA
DIST. GOALPARA
ASSAM
PIN- 783101

Advocate for the Petitioner : MR. M R KHANDAKAR,

Advocate for the Respondent : GA, ASSAM, SC ASSAM STATE LEGAL SERVICE

AUTHORITY, SC, FINANCE

**BEFORE
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE KARDAK ETE**

ORDER

Date : 28.01.2026

Heard Mr. M.R. Khandakar, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner.

The matter relates to non-payment of victim compensation.

It is submitted by Ms. R.S. Choudhury, learned Standing Counsel, Assam State Legal Service Authority, that due to non availability of fund, the victim compensation could not be paid. It is submitted that the State has released an amount of Rs.17 Crores only which has already been exhausted as the same has to be paid throughout the entire State.

In PIL No.7/2024 [In the case of Sandeep Chamaria –vs- The State of Assam and 2 Ors.], it has been recorded by the Division Bench on 24.03.2025 that the State has already made a budget provision of Rs.18 Crores for the financial year 2025-26 for implementation of the Assam Victim Compensation Scheme, 2012, and if any further demand is raised in view of the Assam State Legal Services Authority as per the requirement, it was expected that the State Government shall consider and provide the requisite fund for effective implementation of the Assam Victim Compensation Scheme, 2012, expeditiously. However, the budget provision which is stated to have been made for Rs.18 Crores, is also reportedly not released by the State.

Considering above, let this matter be listed after 3 (three) weeks.

Mr. N. Goswami, learned counsel for the respondent No.1 and Mr. A. Chaliha, learned Standing Counsel, Finance are directed to obtain instruction as to why the fund for the victim compensation is not released on time.

List on 20.02.2026.

JUDGE

Comparing Assistant