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

Case No. : WP(C)/3389/2021

CHUNGKHOSIEM LIENTHANG
S/O LATE LATE TONKHOJAM LIENTHANG
RESIDENT OF MAHUR
PO AND PS MAHUR
DIST DIMA HASAO ASSAM

VERSUS

THE STATE OF ASSAM AND 4 ORS.
REPRESENTED BY THE COMMISSIONER AND SECRETARY
GOVT. OF ASSAM
SOIL CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT
DISPUR
GUWAHATI 06

2:THE COMMISSIONER AND SECRETARY
FINANCE DEPARTMENT DISPUR
GUWAHATI 06

3:DIRECTOR OF SOIL CONSERVATION
ASSAM
BHUMI SANGRAKSHAN BHAWAN
1ST FLOOR
R.G. BARUA ROAD
GUWAHATI ASSAM 781005

4:ASSAM PLANTATION CROPS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED
OPPOSITE SARUSAJAI NATIONAL COMPLEX SAWKUCHI
NH 37
LAKHARA
GUWAHATI 781034 ASSAM REPRESENTED BY ITS MANAGING DIRECTOR

5:THE MANAGING DIRECTOR

ASSAM PLANTATION CROPS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED

OPPOSITE SARUSAJAI NATIONAL COMPLEX SAWKUCHI

NH 37

LAKHARA

GUWAHATI 781034 ASSAM

Advocate for : MR. A BHATTACHARYYA

Advocate for : SC

SOIL CONSERVATION DEPTT. appearing for THE STATE OF ASSAM AND 4
ORS.

BEFORE
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ANJAN MONI KALITA

ORDER

Date : 24.09.2025

Heard Mr. A. Bhattacharyya, learned counsel for the petitioner. Also heard Mr. P. Hazarika, learned counsel appearing on behalf of respondent nos. 1, 3, 4 & 5; and Mr. P. Nayak, learned Standing Counsel, Finance Department for the respondent no. 2.

2. This instant case has been filed by the petitioner under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for a direction to the respondent authorities to make payment of retirement benefits to the petitioner including the Gratuity and Leave Encashment benefits with interest. The petitioner in the instant writ petition joined the service of the respondent corporation on 01.03.1980 and he retired from service of the corporation on 31.10.2019. Though he has retired almost six years ago, he has not been paid his retirement benefits, i.e., Gratuity and Leave Encashment benefits till date.

3. It is seen that during the pendency of the writ petition, the respondent department by way of an additional affidavit brought to the notice of this Court that vide a State Cabinet decision dated 27.08.2025, the State Cabinet has given the approval for closure of the respondent corporation. It has been stated in the affidavit that the amounts of retirement benefits of the petitioner along with some other petitioners shall be included in the Closure Cost of the corporation which the Hon'ble Cabinet has approved. It is also seen from the extract of the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 27.08.2025 at 3-30 pm in the Cabinet

Room of Chief Minister's Office, Dispur that financial sanction for an amount of Rs. 600,00,000/- (VRS amount Rs. 243,37,000/- + Closure Cost Rs. 356,24,000/-) has been given by the Cabinet.

4. In view of the aforesaid affidavit filed by the respondents, the petitioner has agreed to approach the respondent department for the retirement benefits he is seeking under the instant writ petition.

5. In view of aforesaid facts that have been brought on record, this Court is of the considered opinion that there is no purpose of keeping this writ petition alive in this Court and, therefore, this Court directs the petitioner to submit his claim before the respondent department at the earliest so that the department may consider releasing his retirement benefits as soon as possible.

6. The petitioner shall submit a copy of this Order to the department as early as possible and accordingly, the department will decide on such claim.

7. Accordingly, this writ petition is disposed of with the aforesaid directions.

JUDGE

Comparing Assistant