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

Case No. : WP(C)/3030/2019

BAKULI DEBNATH
W/O- LT RAJENDRA DEBNATH AND D/O- LT BISWAMBER DEBNATH @ LT
BISWAMBER NATH, VILL- NO. 4 BISHNUPUR, P.S. DHEMAJI, DIST-
DHEMAJI, ASSAM, PIN- 787057

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA AND 4 ORS.
THROUGH THE SECY., MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, GOVT. OF INDIA,
NEW DELHI- 110001

2:THE STATE OF ASSAM
THROUGH THE SECY.
GOVT. OF ASSAM
HOME DEPTT.
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3:THE DY. COMMISSIONER
DHEMAJI
DIST- DHEMAJI
ASSAM
PIN- 787057

4:SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE (B)
DHEMAJI
DIST. AND P.O. DHEMAJI
PIN- 787057

5:OFFICER-IN-CHARGE
DHEMAJI P.S.
DIST- DHEMAJI

ASSAM
PIN- 78705

Advocate for the Petitioner : MR G P BHOWMIK, MS. J PURKAYASTHA, MRS. M HORE, MS
M KALITA

Advocate for the Respondent : ASSTT.S.G.I., SC, ELECTION COMMISSION., SC, NRC, SC, F.T

BEFORE
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE KALYAN RAI SURANA
HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE SUSMITA PHUKAN KHAUND

ORDER

20.02.2026

(K.R. Surana, J)

None appears on behalf of the petitioner on call. However, Mr. S.S. Roy, learned CGC; Mr. G. Sharma, learned standing counsel for the FT matters and NRC; Mr. N. Kalita, learned counsel on behalf of Mr. A.I. Ali, learned standing counsel, ECI and Mr. P. Sarmah, learned Additional Sr. Govt. Advocate for respondents is present.

2. Pursuant to order dated 19.01.2026, Mr. G. Sharma, learned standing counsel for the FT matters and NRC has produced documents appended to written instructions dated 19.02.2026, received from the Senior Superintendent of Police (Border), Dhemaji, Assam, amongst others, stating that the original records of registration of citizenship in respect of Biswambar Debnath could not

be located.

3. From the contents of the said citizenship registration certificate, it appears that the address provided for the said Biswambar Debnath is Toplabasti, P.S - Digboi, Lakhimpur. It appears to the Court that in the year 1960, Digboi was part of the undivided Lakhimpur district. Thereafter, the Lakhimpur district was divided and the Digboi Police Station came under the jurisdiction of Tinsukia district. Subsequently, Tinsukia district was bifurcated and Dibrugarh district was created. The signatory of the said document is the Sub-Deputy Collector, Tinsukia. Therefore, it is possible that the concerned record may be available in the Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur.

4. Therefore, the Court is inclined to request Mr. P. Sarmah, the learned Additional Sr. Govt. Advocate to communicate the order of this Court to the District Collector, Lakhimpur, along with a photocopy of the citizenship registration certificate dated 03.05.1960, to ascertain whether the original record is available in the Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur.

5. The learned standing counsel for the FT matters and NRC has submitted that, along with the said instructions dated 19.02.2026, a death certificate of Smt. Bakuli Debnath, the petitioner in this case, has been enclosed which reveals that her date of death was 16.10.2025.

6. This matter shall be dealt with on the next date of listing.

7. The instructions along with the enclosures, as produced, shall be retained on record.

8. List on 30.03.2026.

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Comparing Assistant