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

Case No. : AB/1269/2026

SHRI PAWAN KUMAR AGARWALLA
S/O LATE MADANLAL AGARWALLA, R/O VILL BETONIPATHAR, PS
SARUPATHAR, DIST GOLAGHAT, ASSAM, PIN 785601

VERSUS

THE STATE OF ASSAM
REPRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR, ASSAM

Advocate for the Petitioner : MR. B B GOGOI, MRS. S KHATANIAR

Advocate for the Respondent : PP, ASSAM,

BEFORE
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE MRIDUL KUMAR KALITA

ORDER

Date - 12.06.2026

1. Heard Mr. B. B. Gogoi, the learned counsel for the petitioner. Also heard Mr. D. P. Goswami, the learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the State respondent.
2. This application under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023 has been filed by the petitioner, namely, Shri Pawan Kumar Agarwalla apprehending

his arrest in Uriamghat P. S. Case No. 10/2026 under Section 324(5)/329(3) of the BNS, 2023 read with Section 26 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 and Section 3(1) of the Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act, 1984.

- 3.** The gist of accusation in this case is that on 01.05.2026 one 01.05.2026, the Divisional Forest Officer of Social Forestry Division, Golaghat had lodged an FIR, *inter-alia*, alleging the destruction of plantation at Sonaribill area under Rengma Reserve Forest, Uriamghat.
- 4.** The learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that though the petitioner has not been specifically named in the said FIR, however, alleging the similar facts, two other FIRs have also been filed by different persons and in other FIRs, the name of the present petitioner was mentioned.
- 5.** The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in a case registered on the basis of one another FIR, the petitioner has already granted interim anticipatory bail by a Coordinate Bench of this Court in AB Case No. 1227/2026 by order dated 10.06.2026.
- 6.** He submits that the petitioner is ready to cooperate in the investigation.
- 7.** I have considered the material available on record as well as submissions made by the learned counsel for both sides.
- 8.** Let the case diary be called for.
- 9.** In the meanwhile, considering the facts and circumstances of this case, the above named petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer of Uriamghat P. S. Case No. 10/2026 within a period of seven days from the date of this order and cooperate in

the investigation. If he does so, in the event of his arrest in connection with the aforesaid case, he shall be granted interim bail by furnishing a bail bond of Rs.30,000/- (Rupees Thirty Thousand) only with one surety of like amount to the satisfaction of the arresting authority with the condition that the petitioner shall cooperate in the investigation.

10. Let the case be listed on 17.07.2026.

JUDGE

Comparing Assistant