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

Case No. : WP(C)/3209/2026

SURENDRA BARUAH
S/O- SRI DEBENDRA NATH BARUAH, RESIDENT OF VILLAGE - KONWAR
GAON, P.O. AND P.S.- DHAKUAKHANA, DISTRICT - LAKHIMPUR, ASSAM.,
PIN - 787032.

VERSUS

THE STATE OF ASSAM AND 2 ORS
REPRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM,
SCHOOL EDUCATION (SECONDARY) DEPARTMENT, DISPUR, GUWAHATI
-781006.

2:THE DIRECTOR OF SECONDARY EDUCATION
ASSAM
KAHILIPARA
GUWAHATI 781019.

3:THE INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS
LAKHIMPUR DISTRICT CIRCLE
DISTRICT - LAKHIMPUR
ASSAM. PIN - 787001

Advocate for the Petitioner : MR. S K SINGHA, MR. M K NEOG

Advocate for the Respondent : SC, SEC. EDU.,

**BEFORE
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE KARDAK ETE**

ORDER

Date : 19.06.2026

Heard Mr. S. K. Singha, learned counsel for the petitioner.

Challenge made in this writ petition is to the order dated 20.02.2026, passed by the Director of Secondary Education, Assam, whereby the Inspector of Schools, Lakhimpur District Circle, North Lakhimpur, is allowed to act as In-charge Principal of Dhakuakhana Higher Secondary School, Lakhimpur, along with financial power to draw and disburse the salary of the staff of the school on retirement of the earlier incumbent on 28.02.2026.

It is the contention of the petitioner that he is eligible to be considered for appointment as the Principal of Higher Secondary School, Lakhimpur. However, ignoring the petitioner, the respondent No. 2- Director of Secondary Education, Assam has allowed the Inspector of Schools, Lakhimpur District Circle, North Lakhimpur, to function as the In-charge Principal of Dhakuakhana Higher Secondary School, Lakhimpur.

Issue notice, returnable by 4 (four) weeks.

As Ms. P. Das, learned Standing Counsel, Secondary Education Department, enters appearance and accepts notice on behalf of all the respondents, no formal notice need be served upon the respondents. However,

she shall be furnished with requisite extra-copy of the petition.

List the matter after 4 (four) weeks.

JUDGE

Comparing Assistant