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

Case No. : WP(C)/4676/2022

NAREN CHANDRA NATH
W/O- LATE MAJU SINGH NATH,
R/O- VILL. BASANAGHAT,
P.O.- MANIPUR,
P.S.- MORIGAON,
DISTRICT- MORIGAON, ASSAM.

VERSUS

THE STATE OF ASSAM AND 8 ORS
REPRESENTED BY THE COMMISSIONER AND SECRETARY TO THE GOVT.
OF ASSAM, REVENUE AND D.M. DEPARTMENT, GOVT. OF ASSAM,
SACHIVALAYA, DISPUR, GUWAHATI- 781006, ASSAM.

2:THE COMMISSIONER AND SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF ASSAM
REVENUE AND D.M. DEPARTMENT

GOVT. OF ASSAM
SACHIVALAYA
DISPUR
GUWAHATI- 781006
ASSAM.

3:THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
MORIGAON DISTRICT
ASSAM.

4:THE ADDL. DEPUTY COMMISSIONER (REVENUE)
MORIGAON.

5:THE CIRCLE OFFICER
MAYONG REVENUE CIRCLE

MAYONG
MORIGAON
ASSAM.

6:THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF ASSAM
ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST DEPARTMENT

ASSAM SACHIVALAYA
DISPUR
GUWAHATI- 781006
ASSAM.

7:THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FOREST (WILDLIFE) AND
CHIEF WILDLIFE WARDEN
ASSAM
PANJABARI
GUWAHATI- 781037.

8:THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER
GUWAHATI WILDLIFE DIVISION
BASISTHA
GUWAHATI- 781029.

9:THE RANGE FOREST OFFICER

POBITORA WILDLIFE RANGE
MAYONG
MORIGAON

Advocate for the Petitioner : MR S BORTHAKUR, MS. P BORAH

Advocate for the Respondent : SC, REVENUE, SC, FOREST,GA, ASSAM

**BEFORE
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE N. UNNI KRISHNAN NAIR**

ORDER

Date : 13.08.2025

In pursuance to the directions passed by this Court vide order dated 10.06.2025, the District Commissioner, Morigaon, has filed an affidavit in the matter. In the said affidavit it has been contended that the land of the petitioner is in possession of the Forest Department, since 1971. However, the said affidavit does not disclose as to whether the plot of land of the petitioner, in question, in the present proceedings, falls within the notified area of the Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary.

In view of the above position, Mr. I. Borthakur, learned Standing Counsel, Forest Department, and Mr. N. Goswami, learned Government Advocate, shall on the next date of listing clarify as to whether the plot of land of the petitioner involved in the present proceedings falls within the notified boundary of the Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary. The said instructions be placed on record on the next date of listing.

Registry to list this matter again on **03.09.2025**.

JUDGE

Comparing Assistant