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

**Case No. : WP(C)/3438/2025**

PANKAJ KALITA  
S/O. LT. S.C. KALITA, R/O. GAYANTOLA (KALA BHABAN), P/O. HAJO, P/S.  
HAJO, DIST. KAMRUP, ASSAM.

VERSUS

THE STATE OF ASSAM AND 4 OTHERS  
REP BY THE COMMISSIONER AND SECRETARY TO THE GOVT OF ASSAM,  
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS DEPARTMENT, DISPUR, GUWAHATI-06

2:THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF ASSAM  
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS DEPARTMENT  
DISPUR  
GUWAHATI-06.

3:THE JOINT SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF ASSAM.  
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS DEPARTMENT  
DISPUR  
GUWAHATI-06.

4:THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS AND OF FOREST  
FORCE  
ASSAM  
PANJABARI  
GUWAHATI-06

5:THE DEPARTMENTAL PROMOTION COMMITTEE  
HEADED BY BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF ASSAM  
DISPUR  
GUWAHATI-6

**Advocate for the Petitioner** : MR. J I BORBHUIYA, MR. L MOHAN,MR A HOSSAIN

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

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

**ORDER**

**Date : 26-02-2026**

This Court vide order dated 25-02-2026 had required the Secretary to the Government of Assam, Forest Department, to explain before this Court the reasons for the delay occasioning in issuances of instruction to the departmental counsel in the matter. The Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Assam, Department of Environment, Forest & Climate Change has set out the reasons, in a communication dated 25-02-2026 issued to Mr. P.N. Goswami, learned Addl. AG, Assam. Mr. Goswami has placed the said communication on record.

This Court had perused the said communication and finds that the reasons set out therein, to have not adequately answered the queries raised by this Court. However, by accepting the apology tendered by the authority before this Court, the issue is not considered further. The respondents are, however, required to ensure prompt submission of instructions to their counsel, on receipt of petitions of cases instituted before this Court, to facilitate this Court to expeditiously consider the issues arising before it. It is highlighted that delay in disposal of cases also occasions, on account of the fact that the stand of the respondents is not brought on record by the authorities at the earliest. This Court hopes that this trend would now stand reversed.

It is brought to the notice of this Court that the petitioner, herein, was

subsequently promoted to the post of Deputy Conservator of Forest vide order dated 24-02-2026. The said aspect of the matter would now be reckoned by this Court while passing final order(s) in the present writ petition.

In view of the above, Registry to list this matter again on 17-03-2026.

**JUDGE**

**Comparing Assistant**