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

Case No. : WP(C)/3660/2026

SOFULUDDIN SHEIKH
S/O LATE SAMSEL HOQUE, VILL. AJAD NAGARWARD NO. 19 P.O.
BALADMARI P.S. GOALPARA, DIST. GOALPARA, ASSAM PIN 783101

VERSUS

THE STATE OF ASSAM AND 5 ORS
REPRESENTED BY THE COMMISSIONER AND SECRETARY TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM, ENVIRONMENT FOREST DEPARTMENT,
DISPUR, GUWAHATI 781006.

2:THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS HEAD OF FOREST
FORCE
ASSAM
ARANYA BHAWAN
PANJABARI
GUWAHATI 781037.

3:THE AUTHORISED OFFICER CUM DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER
GOALPARA FOREST DIVISION (TERRITORIAL)
P.O. BALADMARI
DIST. GOALPARA
ASSAM
PIN 783121.

4:THE RANGE FOREST OFFICER
GOALPARA SADAR RANGE
GOALPARA
P.O. BALADMARI
P.S. AND DIST. GOALPARA
ASSAM
PIN 783121.

5:THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER
GOALPARA
P.O. AND DIST. GOALPARA
ASSAM
PIN 783101.

6:THE CIRCLE OFFICER
MATIA CIRCLE
P.O. MATIA
DIST. GOALPARA
ASSAM
PIN 783125

Advocate for the Petitioner : MR. S B LASKAR, MR. H A LASKAR,MS D DUTTA

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

BEFORE
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR MEDHI

ORDER

17.07.2026

Heard Shri S. B. Laskar, learned counsel for the petitioner, who is aggrieved by a confiscation proceeding initiated under Section 49 (4) of the Assam Forest Regulation, 1891 by issuance of a Show Cause Notice dated 02.07.2026. While the Department contends that the depot is situated within the Raikhyasini Proposed Reserve Forest, the petitioner contends that the depot is over Myadi Patta land.

The learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the goods involved is 38 quintals of Katuri which is a kind of wild turmeric.

Let **notice** be issued, returnable on **03.08.2026**.

Shri D. Gogoi, learned Standing Counsel, Forest Department accepts notice on behalf of respondent nos. 1 to 4 whereas Shri G. Bokalia, learned State

Counsel accepts notice on behalf of respondent nos. 5 & 6.

Extra copies of the writ petition be served upon them within 2 (two) working days.

Shri Laskar, the learned counsel for the petitioner by contending that the goods in question are perishable in nature has prayed for an interim order.

The interim prayer would be considered after receipt of the instructions by the learned Standing Counsel on the next returnable date.

JUDGE

Comparing Assistant