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

Case No. : W.P.(Crl.)/35/2026

SAYEDA MAZIDA BEGUM
W/O- SOFIQUL AHMED, RESIDENT OF KAHILIPARA, JATIA, KAMRUP
METRO, P.S. DISPUR, GUWAHATI-781006.

VERSUS

THE STATE OF ASSAM AND 3 ORS
REPRESENTED BY THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF HOME
AND POLITICAL, GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM, DISPUR, GHY- 781006.

2:THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
PRISONS
ASSAM
PRISON DIRECTORATE OF KHANAPARA
GHY- 781022.

3:THE SUPERINTENDENT OF JAIL
CENTRAL JAIL GUWAHATI
GUWAHATI
ASSAM
LOKHRA
PIN -781034.

4:THE STATION HOUSE OFFICER
P.S. BASISTHA
OFFICER-IN-CHARGE
GHY
PIN -781029

Advocate for the Petitioner : PETITIONER IN PERSON,

Advocate for the Respondent : GA, ASSAM,

**BEFORE
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ROBIN PHUKAN
ORDER**

07.08.2026

Heard Ms. Sayeda Mazida Begum, petitioner in person and Mr. J. Singh, learned Government Advocate for the respondent Nos. 1 – 4.

2. This petition, under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, read with Section 528 of the BNSS, is preferred by the petitioner for :-

- (i) issuing direction to the respondent Nos. 3 & 4 to immediately seize, seal and preserve the raw, unedited CCTV footage along with system log/DVR data from the cameras, located at Central jail, recorded between 02:00 pm to 04:30 pm, on 01.08.2026 and produce the same before this Court;
- (ii) issuing direction to the respondent No. 4 or an independent investigating team to forthwith seize, secure and preserve the original DVR/Hard Disk and CCTV footage recorded at Basistha PS, between 02:00 pm to 04:30 pm and to produce the same before this Court, along with a certificate under Section 63 of the BSA.

3. While the matter was called at first half, Mr. Singh, learned Government Advocate, has submitted that he may be granted some time to obtain instructions.

4. Accordingly, at 02:00 pm, while the matter was called for the second time, Mr. Singh has produced one written statement before this Court, received from the Superintendent of Central Jail, Guwahati.

5. Perusal of the same reveals that the CCTVs' repairing, extension, replacement and servicing is going on in the Central Jail, Guwahati and recording footage is not possible due to hard-drive and server license renewal issue, since

last year.

6. However, the petitioner in person has apprised this Court that when she visited the office of the Superintendent, there she noticed that CCTV system was in working condition.

7. It is to be noted here that to a pointed query of this Court, Mr. Singh submits that Executive Engineer, PWD Guwahati, Electrical Division, looks after the CCTV system in the Central Jail, Guwahati.

8. In view of above, this Court directs the Executive Engineer, PWD Guwahati, Electrical Division, Chandmari, Guwahati – 3, to remain present personally before this Court, on 11.08.2026, at 02:00 pm, with all the information about the present status in the Central Jail, Guwahati.

9. List the matter on 11.08.2026, at 02:00 pm.

10. A copy of this order be furnished to Mr. Singh, free of cost.

Comparing Assistant

JUDGE