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

Case No. : WP(C)/4449/2026

SOFULUDDIN SHEIKH
S/O LATE SAMSEL HOQUE VILL. AJAD NAGAR, W/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 AND FOREST DEPARTMENT,
DISPUR, GUWAHATI- 781006.

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

3:THE AUTHORISED OFFICER-CUM-DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER
GOALPARA FOREST DIVISION (TERRITORIAL)
GOALPARA
P.O. BALADMARI
P.S. AND 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 78312

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

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

BEFORE
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR MEDHI

ORDER

21.08.2026

Heard Shri SB Laskar, learned counsel for the petitioner, who has put to challenge an order dated 18.09.2026 passed by the DFO, Goalpara Forest Division cum Authorized Officer in Confiscation Case No. 10/2026-27 whereby 38 quintals (approx.) of Katuri has been seized and confiscated and directed to be auctioned within 7 days.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner has also drawn the attention of this Court to an order passed in the earlier writ petition being WP(C)/3660/2026 whereby liberty is granted to the petitioner to institute the present challenge.

3. Let notice be issued, returnable on 14.09.2026.

4. Shri RR Gogoi, learned Standing Counsel, Forest Department accepts

notice on behalf of the respondent nos. 1 to 4 and Shri G. Bokolia, learned State Counsel accepts notice on behalf of the respondent nos. 5 & 6. Extra copies of the writ petition be served upon the learned counsel for the respondents within two days.

5. Shri Laskar, learned counsel for the petitioner prays for an interim order.

6. After considering the facts and circumstances, it is directed that no steps for auction be taken till the returnable date.

7. The aforesaid interim order would however be reconsidered on receipt of the instructions on the next date.

JUDGE

Comparing Assistant