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

Case No. : WP(C)/4619/2026

RANU BRAHMA
W/O SRI ANSULA BRAHMA, R/O POLASHBARI, P.O. KAJOLGAON, P.S.
SIDLI, DIST- CHIRANG, BTAD, ASSAM, PIN- 783386.

VERSUS

THE UNION OF INDIA AND 3 ORS
REPRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY TO THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS, SHASTRI BHAVAN, NEW DELHI- 110001.

2:INDIAN OIL CORPORATION LIMITED
A PUBLIC SECTOR OIL MARKETING COMPANY
HAVING ITS REGISTERED OFFICE AT INDIAN OIL BHAVAN
G-9
ALI YAVAR JUNG MARG
BANDRA (EAST)
MUMBAI- 400051
MAHARASHTRA
REPRESENTED BY ITS CHAIRMAN-CUM- MANAGING DIRECTOR.

3:THE CHAIRMAN-CUM -MANAGING DIRECTOR
INDIAN OIL CORPORATION LIMITED
HAVING ITS OFFICE AT INDIAN OIL BHAVAN
G-9
ALI YAVAR JUNG MARG
BANDRA (EAST)
MUMBAI-400051
MAHARASHTRA.

4:THE DIVISIONAL HEAD (RETAIL)

INDIAN OIL CORPORATION LIMITED (MD)

GUWAHATI DIVISIONAL OFFICE
4TH FLOOR
EAST TOWER POINT
BAMUNIMAIDAM
GHY- 781021
DIST- KAMRUP METRO
ASSA

Advocate for the Petitioner : MR. T J MAHANTA, MR J ISLAM,MR M R ISLAM

Advocate for the Respondent : DY.S.G.I., SC, I O C

BEFORE
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR MEDHI

ORDER

28.08.2026

Heard Shri T.J. Mahanta, learned Senior Counsel assisted by Shri M.R. Islam, learned counsel for the petitioner.

As per the facts projected, pursuant to an advertisement for allotment of Retail Outlet (Petrol Pump), the petitioner claim to have been categorised in Group-1 and was also successful in the draw of lots.

It is however the case of the petitioner that her candidature has been wrongly rejected by misinterpreting and miscalculating the aspect of the requirement of land.

Shri N. Baruah, learned Standing Counsel appearing for the IOC has however submitted that the rejection is on substantial grounds and has been done by taking into consideration all the relevant factors.

Be that as it may, let notice be issued, returnable on 16.09.2026.

Ms. A. Gayan, learned CGC accepts notice on behalf of the respondent no.

1 whereas Shri N. Baruah, learned Standing Counsel, IOC accepts notice on behalf of the respondent nos. 2, 3 and 4. Extra copies of the writ petition be served upon the learned counsel for the respondents during the course of the day.

Shri Mahanta, the learned Senior Counsel for the petitioner prays for an interim order.

Shri Baruah, the learned Standing Counsel for the IOC has however submitted that no steps have been taken for a new fresh draw of lots.

By balancing the equities, it is provided that till the next date fixed, *status quo* as on today be maintained.

Since the matter pertains to allotment of a Petrol Pump which is directly connected with public interest, this Court would make an endeavour to have an expeditious disposal of the writ petition after filing of the pleadings.

JUDGE

Comparing Assistant