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

Case No. : WP(C)/6107/2022

THE STATE OF ASSAM AND 2 ORS.
REPRESENTED BY THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS
AND HEAD OF FOREST FORCE, ASSAM, PANJABARI, GUWAHATI- 781037.

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

3: THE CHIEF WILDLIFE WARDEN
ASSAM
ARANYA BHAWAN
GUWAHATI- 781037

VERSUS

THE UNION OF INDIA AND 7 ORS.
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(PROJECT ELEPHANT DIVISION), INDIRA PARYAVARAN BHAWAN, JOR
BAGH ROAD, ALIGANJ, NEW DELHI- 110003.

2:THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
SECRETARIAT
CHENNAI- 600009.

3:THE ADDL. CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
SECRETARIAT
CHENNAI- 600009.

4:THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS AND THE HEAD OF
FORESTS FORCE
TAMIL NADU
CHENNAI- 600015.

5:THE CHIEF WILDLIFE WARDEN
TAMIL NADU
CHENNAI - 600015.

6:THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE
TAMIL NADU
CHENNAI- 600004.

7:GIRIN MORAN
S/O- LATE KANDURA MORAN

R/O- UPAR KACHIJAN VILLAGE

KACHIJAN CHARIALI POST

P.S.- KAKAPATHAR

DISTRICT- TINSUKIA
ASSAM.

8:PEOPLE FOR THE ETHICAL TREATMENT OF ANIMAL (PETA)
INDIA
REP. BY KHUSHBOO GUPTA
SERVING AS DIRECTOR OF ADVOCACY PROJECTS IN PEOPLE FOR THE
ETHICAL TREATMENT OF ANIMALS (PETA)
INDIA
HAVING ITS REGISTERED OFFICE AT F-110
1ST FLOOR
JAGDAMBA TOWER
PLOT NO. 13
COMMUNITY CENTRE
PREET VIHAR
NEW DELHI- 110092.

9:PEOPLE FOR CATTLE IN INDIA
REPRESENTED BY ARUN PRASANNA G
FOUNDER AND MANAGING TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST
AGED ABOUT 31 YEARS
RESIDENT OF NO. 8/22
RAGAVIYAH ROAD
T NAGAR
CHENNAI-600017.

10:ARUN PRASANNA G

AGED ABOUT 31 YEARS
RESIDENT OF NO. 8/22

RAGAVIYAH ROAD
T NAGAR
CHENNAI-600017.

11:ARULMIGU NACHIYAR (ANDAL) TEMPLE
SRIVILLIPUTHUR
VIRUDHUNAGAR
TAMIL NADU- 626125 REPRESENTED BY ITS EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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Advocate for the Respondent : ASSTT.S.G.I., OTOLI KITS (R-11),MRS M DAS (R-9,10),MS. M
BORGOHAIN (R-9,10),MR. P MAHANTA (R-9,10),MR. U PATHAK(R-2,3,4,5,6),MR. A R
GOGOI(R-2,3,4,5,6),MR. P K TIWARI(R-2,3,4,5,6),MS. N MAHANTA (R-8),MR. N GAUTAM (R-
8),MR D J DAS (R-8),MR. K N CHOUDHURY (R-8),MR H GUPTA

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

ORDER

Date : 21.08.2025

Heard Mr. D. Saikia, learned Advocate General, Assam, appearing for the petitioner. Also heard Mr. P. K. Tiwari, learned senior counsel, appearing for the respondent nos. 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6. Also heard Mr. K. N. Choudhury, learned senior counsel, appearing for the respondent no.8.

As agreed to by the learned counsel for the parties, Registry to list this matter on **11.09.2025**.

On the next date of listing, the learned counsel for the parties would advance their respective submissions with regard to the issues arising in the present writ petition.

On the next date of listing, Mr. A. Gogoi, learned counsel assisting Mr. P. K. Tiwari, learned senior counsel, shall place on record a report with regard to the care being provided by the authorities to the elephant concerned. The report be placed on record by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and Head of Forest Force, Tamil Nadu, after causing an inspection of the elephant "Joymala".

An endeavour would be made to dispose of the matter on the next date of listing.

Mr. P. Mahanta, learned counsel, appears for the respondent nos.9 & 10, and Ms. Otolu Kits, learned counsel, for the respondent no.11, is present.

JUDGE

Comparing Assistant