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

Case No. : PIL/66/2024

1.RAJEEV BHATTACHARYYA AND ANR
S/O LATE HIRANYA BHATTACHARYYA, 302 BASISTHA ROAD, THE
WILDERNESS BELTOLA GUWAHATI ASSAM 781028

2: SHRI GAURAV CHOUDHURY
S/O SRI SUKRITI CHOUDHURY
17 ANANDA PATH BEHIND ML HOSTEL
DISPUR GUWAHATI 781006 KAMRUP M ASSAM

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA AND 13 ORS
REPRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA, MINISTRY
OF ENVIRONMENT FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE, INDIRA
PARYAVARAN BHAWAN, JORBAGH ROAD, NEW DELHI 110003

2:MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT
FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
NORTHEASTERN REGIONAL OFFICE
LAW U SIB LUMBATNGEN NEAT MTC WORKSHOP
SHILLONG 793021

3:THE STATE OF ASSAM
REPRESENTED BBY THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF
ASSAM ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST DEPARTMENT
DISPUR GUWAHATI 06

4:THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF ASSAM
DISPUR SECRETARIAT COMPLEX GUWAHATI 06

5:THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF ASSAM
DEPARTMENT OF FOREST DISPUR ASSAM

6:THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FOREST AND HEAD OF
FOREST FORCE
H BLOCK 2ND FLOOR JANATA BHAWAN
DISPURGUWAHATI 781006 ASSAM

7:THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FOREST(WILDLIFE)
H BLOCK 2ND FLOOR JANATA BHAWAN DISPUR
GUWAHATI 781006 ASSAM

8:THE NORTH EASTERN FRONTIER RAILWAY
REPRESENTED BBY ITS CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER
HEAD QUARTER MALIGAON GUWAHATI

9:THE CHIEF WILDLIFE WARDEN
ASSAM DEPARTMENT OF FOREST GOVT. OF ASSAM
GUWAHATI ASSAM

10:THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR WILDLIFE
REP. BY THE SC NATIONAL BOARD FOR WILDLIFE MINISTRY OF
ENVIRONMENT FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE (WILDLIFE
DIVISION)6TH FLOOR VAYU WING INDIRA PARYAVARAN BHAWAN
JORBAGH ROAD NEW DELHI 110003

11:THE STATE BOARD FOR WILDLIFE
REPRESENTED BY ITS CHAIRMAN
DISPUR SECRETARIAT COMPLEX GUWAHATI 06

12:THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER KAMRUP M ASSAM

13:THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER (WILDLIFE)
KAMRUP M GUWAHATI DISPUR GUWAHATI

14:THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER
KAMRUP EAST DIVISION GUWAHATI ASSA

Linked Case : PIL/62/2024

SUBRAT TALUKDAR
S/O SRI GOPENDRA NATH TALUKDAR
RESIDENT OF 601 BASERA RETREAT M.T ROAD
LANKESHWAR GUWAHATI 781014 DIST KAMRUP M ASSAM

VERSUS

1.THE UNION OF INDIA AND 5 ORS
REPRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA .MINISTRY OF
ENVIRONMENT FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

INDIRA PARYAVARAN BHAWAN JORBAGH ROAD NEW DELHI

2:THE STATE OF ASSAM
REPRESENTED BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF ASSAM
ASSAM SACHIVALAYA DISPUR GUWAHATI 781006

3:THE SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY
GOVT. OF ASSAM ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST DEPARTMENT
ASSAM SACHIVALAYA DISPUR GUWAHATI 781006

4:THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY
GOVT. OF ASSAM ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST DEPARTMENT
ASSAM SACHIVALAYA DISPUR GUWAHATI 781006

5:THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FOREST AND HEAD OF FOREST
FORCE ARANYA BHAWAN PANJBARI GUWAHATI 781037

6:THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER
KAMRUP M LICHUBAGAN HENGRABARI GUWAHATI 78103

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For the Respondent(s) : Ms. R. Devi, Central Government Counsel.
: Mr. K.P. Pathak, Standing Counsel, Forest Department.

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HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. ASHUTOSH KUMAR
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN DEV CHOUDHURY

05.05.2026

(Ashutosh Kumar, CJ)

Mr. K.P. Pathak, learned Standing Counsel, Forest Department seeks some more time to put in the response affidavit indicating the reasons as to why the Notification for declaring the Garbhanga reserved forest, located in the district of Kamrup (Metro), as a Wildlife Sanctuary,

was cancelled.

Let such response affidavit be filed positively by the next date with a copy, in advance, to the learned counsel for the petitioners.

Re-notify on 05.08.2026.

JUDGE

CHIEF JUSTICE

Comparing Assistant