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

Case No. : PIL/48/2025

DIPANKAR CHOWDHURY AND 4 ORS.
S/O HARAN CHOWDHURY, R/O VILL AND P.O.- BASHPARA, P.S.-
MISSAMARI, PIN-784506, DIST- SONITPUR, ASSAM

2: ALLAL AHMED
S/O ABDUL RAHMAN
R/O VILL AND P.O.- BASHPARA
P.S.- MISSAMARI
PIN-784506, DIST- SONITPUR, ASSAM

3: MRINAL KANTI DHAR
S/O NRIPENDRA DHAR
R/O VILL AND P.O.- BASHPARA
P.S.- MISSAMARI
PIN-784506, DIST- SONITPUR, ASSAM

4: MAZIBAR RAHMAN
S/O HADIR RAHMAN
R/O VILL AND P.O.- BASHPARA
P.S.- MISSAMARI, PIN-784506, DIST- SONITPUR
ASSAM

5: RAJIB ALI
S/O ANAJ ALI
R/O VILL AND P.O.- BASHPARA
P.S.- MISSAMARI, PIN-784506, DIST- SONITPUR
ASSA

VERSUS

THE STATE OF ASSAM AND 4 ORS.
THROUGH THE COMMISSIONER AND SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT
OF ASSAM, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, DISPUR, GUWAHATI-781006,

ASSAM

2:THE CHIEF ENGINEER
ASSAM
PWD (ROADS), CHANDMARI
GUWAHATI-781003
ASSAM

3:THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
PWD (ROADS)
SONITPUR ROAD DIVISION
TEZPUR, DIST- SONITPUR
ASSAM, PIN-784001

4:THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER
SONITPUR
TEZPUR, DIST- SONITPUR
ASSAM, PIN-784001

5:THE CIRCLE OFFICER
THELAMARA REVENUE CIRCLE
VILL AND P.O.- THELAMARA
PIN-784149
DIST- SONITPUR
ASSA

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For the Respondent(s) : Ms. A. Borthakur, Advocate
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HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. ASHUTOSH KUMAR
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN DEV CHOUDHURY

25.02.2026

(Ashutosh Kumar, CJ)

We have heard Mr. S.C. Biswas, learned Advocate for the petitioners, and Ms. A. Borthakur, learned Advocate for the State/respondent Nos. 1, 2 and 3.

This Public Interest Litigation has been filed by the residents of Bashbera village in the District of Sonitpur, Assam, seeking an intervention from this Court for construction of a culvert on the Kolakuchi Gorjuli PWD Road. A wooden culvert had been existing at that location, which was dismantled for construction of a road under the "Asom Mala" project.

The contention raised on behalf of the State is that in place of the existing wooden culvert, a new RCC Box Culvert of 6 meters' span has been sanctioned and today the work is almost on the verge of completion.

In support of her above contention, the learned counsel for the State has presented before this Court a communication dated 13.11.2025, issued by the Chief Engineer, PWD (Roads), Assam, intimating that the construction of a RCC culvert at the place, where the wooden culvert had been existing, has almost been completed and shall be made functional within a short span of time.

With this statement on behalf of the respondents, we do not consider it necessary to continue with this petition any further, as the grievance of the petitioners has already been redressed.

Accordingly, we close this PIL petition.

We also take on record the afore-noted communication made by the Chief Engineer, PWD (Roads), to the learned Standing Counsel, PWD, Assam.

JUDGE

CHIEF JUSTICE

Comparing Assistant