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

Case No. : WA/61/2026

1: JAKIR HOSSAIN AND 4 ORS
S/O SAMSUL HOQUE, VILL.- KISMATHASDAHA PART-III, P.O.- KISMATHASDAHA, P.S. AND DIST- DHUBRI, ASSAM, PIN-783334

2: BALBAHADUR THAPA
R/O DHUBRI WARD NO. 10
P.O. AND DIST. DHUBRI ASSAM. PIN-783301

3: PARTHADEEP CHOUDHURY
S/O LATE NIKHIL NARAYAN CHOUDHURY
R/O BIDYAPARA P.O. BIDYAPARA DIST. DHUBRI ASSAM. PIN-783324

4: MOHBUB ALOM
S/O EKRAMUL HOQUE VILL. MADHUSOULMARI PART-II
P.O. MADHUSOULMARI P.S. GAURIPUR DIST. DHUBRI ASSAM PIN-783331

5: ANIRBAN KARMAKAR
R/O GAURIPUR WARD NO.1 (MISTRIPARA)
P.O. AND P.S. GAURIPUR DIST. DHUBRI ASSAM PIN-78333

VERSUS

1: THE STATE OF ASSAM AND 69 ORS REPRESENTED BY THE COMMISSIONER AND SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF ASSAM, DEPARTMENT OF POWER (ELECTRICITY), DISPUR, GUWAHATI-6

2:THE ASSAM STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD REPRESENTED BY ITS CHAIRMAN BIJULEE BHAWAN PALTANBAZAR GUWAHATI-01 ASSAM

3:THE CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER (HR) ASSAM POWER DISTRIBUTION CO. LTD. BIJULEE BHAWAN PALTANBAZAR GUWAHATI-1 DIST- KAMRUP (M) ASSAM

4:THE GENERAL MANAGER GUWAHATI ZONE APDCL(LAZ)
SIXMILE GUWAHATI-22 DIST- KAMRUP (M) ASSAM

5:THE DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER KOKRAJHAR ELECTRICAL CIRCLE
APDCL KOKRAJHAR P.O. P.S. AND DIST- KOKRAJHAR ASSAM PIN-783370

6:THE DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER BONGAIGAON ELECTRICAL CIRCLE
APDCL BONGAIGAON P.O.- BONGAIGAON DIST- BONGAIGAON ASSAM
PIN-783380

7:THE DIRECTOR TRAINING ASSAM POWER DISTRIBUTION CO. LTD.
NARENGI GUWAHATI-781026 DIST- KAMRUP (M) ASSAM

8:MRINAL CHANDRA ROY
S/O ROMESH CH. ROY VILL. DEBOTTAR HASDAHA PT-I P.O. DEBOTTAR
HASDAHA P.S.GOLOKGANJ DIST. DHUBRI ASSAM PIN-783334.

9:TUKAN CH. SHIL @ TUKAN KR. SHILL
S/O LT. SHAMPADA SHILL @ SHYAMAPADA SHILL VILL AND P.O.-
TULSIBIL DIST- KOKRJAHAR BTAD ASSAM PIN-783370

10:MAHESH CH. ROY
S/O KANAK CHANDRA ROY VILL- MAYANAGURI
P.O.- FAKIRAGRAM DIST- KOKRAJAHR BTAD ASSAM PIN-783345

11:SARAT CH. ROY
S/O SRI SASHIMOHAN ROY VILL. KEDAR PART-III
P.O. DIMAKURI DIST. DHUBRI ASSAM PIN-783334.

12:SANJIT DEBNATH
S/O NARESWAR DEBNATH VILL AND P.O. KHALILPUR
DIST. DHUBRI ASSAM PIN-783324.

13:HOREN CH. NATH @ HORENDRA CH. NATH
S/O LATE BHUBAN CH. NATH VILL NOONMATI P.O. HATIPUTA
P.S.CHAPOR DIST. DHUBRI ASSAM PIN-783348.

14:BIPIN ROY
S/O LATE KAMALA KANTA ROY
VILL. DEOBHANGI P.O. RUPSHI DIST. DHUBRI ASSAM PIN-783331

15:PABITRA KR. ROY
S/O BAISHAK CH. ROY VILL AND P.O. DEBOTTAR HASDAHA
P.S.GOLOKGANJ DIST. DHUBRI ASSAM PIN-783334

16:LAKHI KANTA ROY
S/O BEPARI ROY VILL. GAIKHOWA GANGADHAR(GANDHIGRAM PART-II)
P.O. AND P.S. GOLOKGANJ DIST. DHUBRI ASSAM PIN- 783334

17:DHIREN ROY
S/O LATE SASHI MOHAN ROYVILL. KISMIT HASDAHA PART-II
P.O. KISMAT HASDAHA DIST. DHUBRI ASSAM PIN-783334

18:DIPJYOTI NATH

S/O DIGAMBAR NATH VILL. NATHPARA
P.O.BOHOLPUR P.S. CHAPAR DIST.DHUBRI ASSAM PIN-783371

19:BISNU CH. NATH
S/O ROBINDRA CH. NATH VILL. BIDYAPARA PART-II
P.O. BIDYAPARA DIST. DHUBRI ASSAM PIN-783334

20:JAYANTA NATH
S/O SONATON NATH VILL AND P.O. BOHOLPUR
P.S. CHAPOR DIST. DHUBRI ASSAM PIN- 783371

21:BHUPENDRA NATH ROY
S/O KHUDIRAM ROY VILL- MADHUSOULMARI PART-I
P.O.- KHUDIMARI DIST- DHUBRI ASSAM PIN-783331

22:RAJU ROY
S/O SUKARU ROY VILL DARCHOWKAP.O. SHILAIRPAR
P.S.GAURIPUR DIST. DHUBRI ASSAM PIN- 783331

23:NANDA KANTA DEBNATH
S/O SRI NRIPEN DEBNATH VILL AND P.S.- SALAKATI
DIST- KOKRAJHAR BTAD ASSAM PIN-783370

24:SANDIP KARMAKAR
S/O DULAL KARMAKAR VILL- NORTH BANK KOLONI WARD NO. 3
P.O.- KOKRAJAHR DIST- KOKRAJHAR BTAD ASSAM PIN-783370

25:MONESWAR DAS
S/O LT. CHIKATU DAS VILL- DHOPERTAL P.O. AND P.S.- FAKIRAGRAM
DIST- KOKRAJHAR BTAD ASSAM PIN-783345

26:SANKAR CH. DAS
S/O SRI HARI NATH DAS VILL. WARD NO. 3 BOROGRAM(BILASIPARA)
P.O. AND P.S. BILASIPARA DIST. DHUBRI ASSAM PIN- 783348

27:SONARAM TERON
S/O LONKI TERON VILL- AMBARI P.O.- DEBITOLA (AMBARI)
P.S.- KAZIGAON DIST- KOKRAJHAR ASSAM PIN-783339

28:KWRWM BASUMATARI
S/OSRI BIRENDRA BASUMATARI VILL- DAWAGURI NO. 1
P.O.- GOLADONGI P.S.- GOSSAIGAON DIST- KOKRAJAHR
BTAD ASSAM PIN-783361

29:BIJIT BOSUMATARY
S/O CHIBENDRA BOSUMATARY VILL- BANGLAPARA (BANGALPARA)
P.O.- DOLOGAON DIST- KOKRAJHAR BTAD ASSAM PIN-783370

30:JIBEN BRAHMA
S/O LATE RATESH CH. BRAHMA @ RAKESH BRAHMA VILL. HATGIMATHA
WARD NO. 8 P.O. AND DIST. KOKRAJHAR BTAD ASSAM PIN-783370

31:DHAJEN KR. BOSUMATARI
S/O BIDYUT BOKASH BOSUMATARI VILL. BELGURI
P.O. RAINADABRI DIST. KOKRAJHAR BTAD ASSAM PIN-783370

32:GADAO BRAHMA
S/O SRI TILESWAR BRAHMA @ TELESWAR BRAHMA VILL- PHUKANGAON
P.O.- DALOGAON P.S.- KOKRAJHAR DIST- KOKRAJHAR BTAD ASSAM PIN-783370

33:DILIP BARMAN
S/O LATE KAMALA KANTA BARMAN VILL. NALDUBA
P.O. BIDYAPUR DIST. BONGAIGAON ASSAM PIN-783372

34:SUPRIYA BASUMATARY
S/O BIPLAB BASUMATARY VILL- KOKILINGBARI P.O.- BINYAKHATA
P.S.- GOSSAIGAON DIST- KOKRJAHAR BTAD ASSAM PIN-783338

35:GOPAL SINGHA
S/O LATE SOROBINDU SINGHA VILL. BHAKATGAON
P.O. AND P.S. CHAPOR DIST. DHUBRI ASSAM PIN-783571

36:JIBDHAN NATH
S/O LATE NEPAL CH. NATH VILL. NATHPARA (BAHALPUR)
P.O. BAHALPUR P.S. CHAPOR DIST. DHUBRI ASSAM PIN-783571

37:UKIL ROY
S/O BHOGARI ROY VILL KHERAJGAONBHANGI
P.O. RUPSHI P.S. GAURIPUR DIST. DHUBRI ASSAM PIN-783331

38:ARJUN DAS
S/O ANIL CH. DAS VILL. NORTH PAIPUR PT- I (NEAR BAGMARI LP SCHOOL) P.O. AND P.S. GOLOKGANJ DIST. DHUBRI ASSAM PIN-783334

39:RAJU DEY
S/O NIKHIL CH. DEY @ NIKIL CH. DEY CHAPOR WARD NO. 3
P.O. AND P.S.- CHAPOR DIST- DHUBRI ASSAM PIN-783571

40:SATYAJIT THAKURIA
S/O DHARMESWAR THAKURIA VILL CHAIBARI SIV MANDIR
P.O. CHOIBARI P.S. CHAPOR DIST. DHUBRI ASSAM PIN-783376
41:KAMALESH CH. ROY
S/O KAMINI KR. ROY VILL AND P.O. MOTERJHAR
P.S. GOLOKGANJ DIST. DHUBRI ASSAM PIN-783334

42:DIBOSH ROY
S/O LATE KHOKA ROY VILL KHUDIMARI PT- II
P.O.KHUDIMAR P.S. GAURIPUR DIST. DHUBRI ASSAM PIN-783331

43:MAGRI LOHAR
S/O SATRUGHANA LOHAR VILL FALIMARI
P.O.AND P.S. CHAPOR DIST. DHUBRI ASSAM PIN-783571

44:DIPEN CH. ROY
S/O ROBINDRA NATH ROY VILL. UTTARBAND P.O.DEBOTTAR HASDOHA
P.S. GOLOKGANJ DIST. DHUBRI ASSAM PIN-783334

45:KAMLESHWAR BOSUMATARI
S/OLATE DEOBAR BASUMATARI VILL- DIABARI P.O.- KOKRAJHAR DIST-
KOKRAJHAR DIST- KOKRAJHAR ASSAM PIN-783370

46:BISNUPADA ROY
S/O LALIT ROY VILL BISANDOI PART- II P.O.BARUNDANGA
P.S. GOLOKGANJ DIST. DHUBRI ASSAM PIN-783334

47:GOPINATH DAS
S/OLATE CHANMOHAN DAS VILL- BARUAPARA NO. 1
P.O.- BHAWRAGURI PIN-783336 DIST- KOKRAJHAR BTAD ASSAM

48:BINOD MIRDHA
S/O LATE DEBEN MIRDHA VILL- DHAULIGURI (JOYMA)
P.O. AND P.S.- GOSSAIGAON DIST- KOKRJHAR BTAD ASSAM PIN-783360

49:SAMBHU CH. NATH
S/O RAMKAMAL CH. NATH VILL BIDYAPARA PT- II (NATHPARA)
P.O.KHALILPUR P.S. GAURIPUR DIST. DHUBRI ASSAM PIN-783324

50:JOYNAL HOQUE
S/O BONDAY ALI SHEIKH VILL ADABARI PT- II
P.O.CHAGALCHARA DIST. DHUBRI ASSAM PIN-783324

51:TAPAN GAYARY
S/O LATE SAMBARU GAYARY VILL- BIYABARI
P.O.- KOKRAJHAR DIST- KOKRAJHAR ASSAM PIN-783370

52:NUR HUSSAIN
S/O HANIF ALI VILL ANAND NAGAR WARD NO. 3
P.O.BILASIPARA DIST. DHUBRI ASSAM PIN-783348

53:ANISUR ISLAM
S/O AJIMUDDIN AHMED VILL GAURIPUR WARD NO. 4
P.O. GAURIPUR DIST. DHUBRI ASSAM PIN-783331

54:BHANULAL DAS
S/O LATE MOHAN LAL DAS VILL KRISHNA NAGAR
P.O.BILASIPARA DIST. DHUBRI ASSAM PIN-783348

55:SOMIR KR. DAS
S/O HORINATH DAS VILL BOROGRAM DIMATALA WARD NO. 3
P.O.BILASIPARA DIST. DHUBRI ASSAM PIN-783348

56:PURNABASHI PAUL
S/O GONESH CH. PAUL VILL BAHAKATI
P.O.PAGLAHAT DIST. DHUBRI ASSAM PIN-783334

57:SAHABUDDIN SHEIKH
S/O KABUL SHEIKH VILL KHUDIMARI PT- II P.O.KHUDIMAR
P.S. GAURIPUR DIST. DHUBRI ASSAM PIN-783331

58:MONINDRA NATH ROY
S/O NONKISHORE ROY VILL BATHUATALI P.O.BALAJAN
P.S. GOLOKGANJ DIST. DHUBRI ASSAM PIN-783331

59:NIRMAL CH. ROY
S/O KAMINI KUMAR ROY@ KAMINI KT. ROY VILL AND P.O.MOTERJHAR
P.S. GOLOKGANJ DIST. DHUBRI ASSAM PIN-783334

60:AJOY KR. BRAHMA
S/O MUNINDRA NATH BRAHMA WARD NO. 10 KOKRAJHAR
P.O.- KOKRAJAHR DIST- KOKRAJAHR BTAD ASSAM PIN-783370

61:TARAK CH. SARKAR
S/O LATE JOGAT CH. SARKAR VILL JHAPUSABARI PARTT- III P.O.SOUTH
JHAPUSABARI P.S. AGOMONI DIST. DHUBRI ASSAM PIN-783335

62:SANJOY KR. ROY
S/O PRANESHWAR ROY VILL BOWMARI P.O.AND
P.S. CHAPOR DIST. DHUBRI ASSAM PIN-783371

63:RINASH BOSUMATARY
S/O GAJEN BOSUMATARY VILL- KOCHUGAON
P.O.- GOSSAIGAON DIST- KOKRJHAR BTAD ASSAM PIN-783360

64:PUSPA BASUMATARY
S/O HARESWAR BOSUMATARY VILL- SUTARPARA P.O.- HALTUGAON
P.S.- KOKRAJAHR DIST- KOKRAJHAR BTAD ASSAM PIN-783370

65:GOBIDA CH. BARMAN
S/O BALENDRA CH. BARMAN VILL- MAHENDRAPUR P.O.- BHAWRAGURI
P.S.- GOSAIGAON DIST- KOKRJHAR BTAD ASSAM PIN-783336

66:DEBANANDA BOSUMATARY
S/O AJIT BOSUMATARY VILL- HARIGAON P.O.- KALIPUKHURI
DIST- KOKRAJHAR BTAD ASSAM PIN-783369

67:SANAN BRAHMA
S/O KIRAN BRAHMA WARD NO. 10 KOKRAJHAR
DIST- KOKRAJHAR BTAD ASSAM PIN-783370

68:HORENDRA NARZARY
S/O LATE AKENDRA NARZARY VILL- UNKNOWN
P.O.- MAGURMARI DIST- KOKRAJHAR BTAD ASSAM PIN-783370

69:SANJIT NATH
S/O LATE LOLIT MOHAN NATH P.O.AND P.S. KOKRAJHAR
PIN-783331 DIST. KOKRAJHAR BTADASSAM

70:LAKSMAN BOSUMATARY
S/O MONGAL SINGH BOSUMATARY VILL AND P.O.- BASHBARI
P.S.- KAZIGAON DIST- KOKRAJAHR BTAD ASSAM PIN-78337

For the Appellant(s) **:** None.

For the Respondent(s) **:** Mr. S.P. Sarma, Standing Counsel, APDCL.

– B E F O R E –
HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. ASHUTOSH KUMAR
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN DEV CHOUDHURY

16.03.2026
(Ashutosh Kumar, CJ)

There is no appearance on behalf of the appellants.

Mr. S.P. Sarma, learned Standing Counsel, APDCL for the respondent Nos.1 to 4 is present.

Let this matter come up for consideration on ***18.03.2026***.

JUDGE **CHIEF JUSTICE**

Comparing Assistant