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

Case No. : WA/53/2023

KABINDRA PRASAD SARMA AND ANR
S/O LATE SANKAR PRASAD SARMA
BORDOLOI, KAMAKHYA DEVALAYA RESIDENT OF KAMAKHYA DHAM
GUWAHATI, 781010 ASSAM

2: THE DEITY OF GODDESS SRI SRI KAMAKHYA
REPRESENTED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES/BARDEURI SAMAJ
NAMELY PHANINDRA SARMA
SON OF LATE SITARAM SARMA
KAMAKHYA DEVALAYA KAMAKHYA HILL
GUWAHATI 78101

VERSUS

THE STATE OF ASSAM AND 67 ORS.
REPRESENTED BY THE SECY. TO THE GOVT. OF ASSAM, DEPTT. OF
REVENUE, DISPUR, GUWAHATI 781006

2:THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
KAMRUP
GUWAHATI

3:THE SETTLEMENT OFFICER
KAMRUP.

4:THE ADDITIONAL DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
REVENUE
KAMRUP
GUWAHATI.

5:SHRI RADHIKA KALITA
SON OF LATE AMBIRAM KALITA

6:SHRI JITEN DAS
SON OF LATE GOBINDA DAS

7:SRI BASU DEV GAYAN
SON OF LATE DABIN GAYAN

8:SHRI SUNESWAR DAS
SON OF BHOLARAM DAS

9:SHRI SAMIR SARMA
SON OF SHRI AMRIT SHARMA

10:SHRI JAGADISH SARMA
SON OF SHRI KHARGESWAR SARMA

11:SHRI MUHIT SARMA
SON OF SHRI PARAMANANDA SARMA

12:SRI SAILESWAR SARMA
SON OF LATE SAKRESWAR SARMA

13:SRI RATUL PRASAD SARMA
SON OF LATE HIRANYA PRASAD SARMA

14:SRI NALIN PRASAD SARMA
SON OF SRI KAMALA PRASAD SARMA

15:SHRI KAJAL SARMA
SON OF SHRI SANKAR SARMA

16:GUWAHATI METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
BHANGAGARH
GUWAHATI

17:COMMISSIONER AND SECRETARY
TO THE GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
GUWAHATI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

18:SRI LALIT MOHAN DAS
VILLAGE KAMAKHYA GAON
MAUJA JALUKBARI
POST OFFICE GUWAHATI-12
DISTRICT KAMRUP

19:SHRI JOGESWAR SAIKIA
S/O SHRI MALBHOG SAIKIA
ADDRESS KALIPUR

GUWAHATI
P.S. BHARALUMUKH UNDER MAUZA JALUKBARI DISTRICT KAMRUP
ASSAM

20:. SRI MAHANTA SWAMI RASH BEHARI DAS KATHIA BABA
SON OF SHRI MAHANTA SWAMI DHANANJOY DAS KATHIA BABA
GURUKUL ROAD
POST OFFICE VRINDAVAN
DISTRICT MATHURA
UTTAR PRADESH
REPRESENTED BY HIS CONSTITUTED ATTORNEY SRI NISHITENDU DHAR
ADVOCATE SON OF LATE NAGENDRA KUMAR CHOUDHURY
A.K.AZAD ROAD
REHABARI
P.PO.GUWAHATI-08
DISTRICT KAMRUP
ASSAM

21:SHRI NANDI NATH SARMA
ASSAM

22:SHRI PURNA CHANDRA SARMA
S/O SHRI PRABHAT CH.SARMA RESIDENT OF KAMAKHYA HILL TOP
P.S. JALUKBARI
GUWAHATI

23:SRI SUBHAS SARMA
S/O SHRI PRABHAT CH.SARMA RESIDENT OF KAMAKHYA HILL TOP
P.S. JALUKBARI
GUWAHATI

24:SRI MRINAL SARMA
S/O SHRI ARUN CH.SARMA RESIDENT OF KAMAKHYA HILL TOP
P.S. JALUKBARI
GUWAHATI

25:SRI KALYAN SARMA
S/O SHRI ARUN CH.SARMA

RES. 21 TO 25 ARE RESIDENT OF KAMAKHYA HILL TOP
P.S. JALUKBARI
GUWAHATI

26:SRI PALIT KR BORA
S/O LATE PADMANATH BORA R/O DAHABARACHUK
JORHAT-01
PRESENTLY RESIDING AT ARUNADAY APARTMENT BLOCK NO.1
FLAT NO 302

27:ASHEERBAD CONSTRUCTION COMPANY PVT LTD

INCORPORATION NO 03-04583
REPRESENTED BY ITS DIRECTOR SMTI RATNA SARMAH

28:SRI RABINDRA NATH SARMAH
S/O LATE PITAMBAR SARMAH R/O MALIGAON CHARIALI
P/S JALUKBARI GUWAHATI-11

29:SRI NILAMBAR SARMAH
RESIDENTS OF A.T. ROAD
VILLAGE AND P.O.-KAMAKHYA
P.S. JALUKBARI
GUWAHATI KAMRUP METRO

30:SRI BHABA KT. SARMAH
RESIDENTS OF A.T. ROAD
VILLAGE AND P.O.-KAMAKHYA
P.S. JALUKBARI
GUWAHATI KAMRUP METRO

31:SRI KAMALA KT. SARMAH
RESIDENTS OF A.T. ROAD
VILLAGE AND P.O.-KAMAKHYA
P.S. JALUKBARI
GUWAHATI KAMRUP METRO

32:SRI LAKSHI KT. SARMAH
RESIDENTS OF A.T. ROAD
VILLAGE AND P.O.-KAMAKHYA
P.S. JALUKBARI
GUWAHATI KAMRUP METRO

33:WEST GUWAHATI COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
PANDUNATH GUWAHATI
KAMRUP
ASSAM REPRESENTED BY PRINCIPAL AND SECRETARY SMT GITANJALI
CHOUDHURY

34:SMT GITANJALI CHOUDHURY
WIFE OF SRI BRAJENDRA CHOUDHURY
RESIDENT OF KAHILIPARA
SURABHI PATH
JANAKPUR
GUWAHATI 5

35:THE DEPUTY REGISTRAR

KAMRUP METRO PANBAZAR
GUWAHATI-781001

36:THE SENIOR SUB REGISTRAR
KAMRUP METRO PANBAZAR
GUWAHATI-781001

37:THE SUB REGISTRAR
KAMRUP METRO PANBAZAR
GUWAHATI-781001

38:THE JOINT SUB REGISTRAR
KAMRUP METRO PANBAZAR
GUWAHATI-781001

39:THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
KAMRUP METRO
GUWAHATI-781001

40:THE ADDITIONAL DEPUTY COMMISSIONER REVENUE
KAMRUP METRO
GUWAHATI-781001

41:DR. SUBHASH KHANNA
S/O SRI KRISHANLAL KHANNA MANAGING DIRECTOR OF SWAGAT
HOSPITAL P LTD. BHARALUMUKH
GUWAHATI-09

42:SHRI BRAJEN KALITA
S/O LATE NAREN KALITA R/O KALIPUR
GUWAHATI
DIST KAMRUP ASSAM

43:SUBHAM PLANNERS LTD.
FORMERLY SUBHAM PLANNERS PVT. LTD
REGISTERED OFFICE
AT SUBHAM VELOCITY
5TH FLOOR
HARI RAM BORA PATH
G.S. ROAD
OPP- WALFORD
GUWAHATI-5
REPRESENTED BY ITS DIRECTOR
SRI ROHIT LOHIA
R/O SRIKUNI HOUSE
HOUSE NO- 11
MAHADEVPUR
REHABARI

GUWAHATI-8
DIST- KAMRUP (M)
ASSAM.

44:SRI SUPARAS MAL BAID

S/O LATE KANKHYA LAL BAID
R/O MALIGAON
GUWAHATI
DIST- KAMRUP (M)
ASSAM.

45:SRI ARABINDA SENGUPTA
S/O DILIP KUMAR SENGUPTA.

46:SMTI. AJANTA SENGUPTA
W/O SRI ARABINDA SENGUPTA.

47:SMT. KRISHNA BISWAS
S/O LATE PARTHA PRATIM BISWAS

48:SRI PARTHA PRATIM BISWAS

S/O LATE AJIT KUMAR BISWAS.

49:SMT. SUNITA JHABAK
W/O SRI RAJ KUMAR JHABAK

50:SMT. SONU SETHIA
W/O SRI DHANPAT R. SETHIA

51:SRI DHANPAT R. SETHIA

S/O SRI SUMER MAL SETHIA

52:SRI KRISHNA SHARMA
S/O SRI SANWARMAL SHARMA.

53:SMT. KALPANA NEOG
W/O SRI KABYAJYOTI NEOG

54:KABYAJYOTI NEOG
S/O LATE JYOTISH CHANDRA NEOG

55:SRI VIMAL CHAND KHAJANCHI
S/O LATE VALCHAN KHANCHI

56:SMTI. CHANDRAKALA KHAJANCHI

W/O SRI VIMAL CHAND KHAJANCHI

57:SMT. PARWATI DEVI HARLALKA
W/O LATE NAND KISHORE HARLALKA

58:SRI JITENDRA KUMAR YADAV
S/O SRI PRABHUNATH YADAV

59:SRI AMIT KUMAR YADAV
S/O SRI PRABHU NATH YADAV

60:SRI SANDIP KEDIA
S/O SRI MAHABIR PRASAD KEDIA

61:SRI SANJIB KUMAR MITRA
S/O LATE BYOMKESH MITRA

62:SRI SEKHAR PODDAR
S/O LATE SRISH CHANDRA PODDAR

63:SMTI. SNEHA HARLALKA
D/O LATE DILIP AGARWAL

64:SMTI. SWAPNA DUTTA
W/O LATE PANKAJ DUTTA
RESPONDENT NO 45 TO 64 ADDRESS ARE - RESIDENT OF DWARKA
ENCLAVE
MALIGAON
GUWAHATI-781012
KAMRUP (M)
ASSAM.

65:SRI PRABEEN MASKARA
S/O LATE MAHABIR PRASAD MASKARA
R/O B.K. KAKATI ROAD
ULUBARI
GUWAHATI-781007

66:SHRI PAWAN KUMAR GOEL
S/O SHER SINGH GOEL
R/O LAMB ROAD
AMBARI
GUWAHATI-781001.

67:M/S ACCENT REALCON PVT. LTD.
HAVING ITS REGISTERED OFFICE AND PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS
AT B.K. KAKATI ROAD
ULUBARI

GUWAHATI-781001 REPRESENTED BY ITS DIRECTOR.

68:SRI RIJU PRASAD SARMA
S/O LATE RABATI PRASAD SARMA
RESIDENT OF KAMAKHYA HILL
GUWAHATI 781010
KAMRUP (M) ASSAM

Advocate for the Petitioner : MR. A BORPUZARI, MR D K MISHRA,MR. M MORE

Advocate for the Respondent : GA, ASSAM, MR S R A NASER (R-65,66,67),MR G ALAM (R-65,66,67),MR G PATHAK (r-26),MR B SARMAH (r-26),FOR CAVEATOR,MR. R C SAIKIA,SC, REVENUE

BEFORE
DEPUTY REGISTRAR (BENCH) - MR. SAPTARSHI DAS

ORDER

Date : 19.11.2025

Case taken up before the Lawazima Court.

None appears on behalf of the appellants.

Perused the records.

Perusal of the instant case record reveals that the Hon'ble Court vide its order dated 17.07.2025 had directed the matter to list before the Lawazima Court to ascertain whether notice has been served on the respondent Nos. 5 to 15, 18 to 38 and 42 to 67.

Accordingly, the instant case record has been carefully perused and upon such perusal, it has been observed that notice was issued to the aforementioned respondent Nos. 5 to 15, 18 to 38 & 42 to 67 by way of registered post with A/D on 08.06.2023.

Now, in respect of the aforesaid notice issued to the respondents mentioned above, this Lawazima Court has observed as follows:—

(i) It appears that the A/D cards of respondent Nos. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 21, 22, 23, 24, 30, 31, 32 & 36 have been received, perusal of which reveals the following:—

Respondent Nos. 24 & 32:— The A/D cards bear full signatures of the respondents

*themselves. As such, it may be said that **service in respect of the respondent Nos. 24 & 32 has been completed.***

Respondent Nos. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 21, 22, 23, 30 & 31:– It appears that the A/D cards of said respondents have been received bearing signature of people other than the respondents themselves.

In this context, the Hon'ble Privy Council in the case of **Harihar Banerji v. Ramsashi Roy, 1918 SCC OnLine PC 58** held that *where a notice was sent by registered post properly addressed there is a strong presumption that the notice was properly delivered in the usual course and this is not rebutted by the fact that the acknowledgment is signed by a person other than the addressee.* In the present case, it appears from the A/D cards and the office copy of the registered notice that the registered notice was properly addressed to the respondent Nos. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 21, 22, 23, 30 & 31. Thus, **in the present case, even though the A/D cards were signed by people other than the respondent themselves, the notice will be presumed to be served on the said respondents (respondent Nos. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 21, 22, 23, 30 & 31).**

Respondent No. 36:– The A/D card of the said respondent bears no signature of the recipient. As such, it cannot be said whether the notice has been duly served upon the respondent No. 36 or not.

In view of the above, **the appellants are directed to take fresh steps for service of notice upon the respondent No. 36 by way of speed post mode** in terms of the **Notification No. 85 dated 15th October, 2025 (at Flag-'N')**. The said steps shall be taken within 7 (seven) days from the date of the said order.

(ii) It appears that the notice issued to the respondent Nos. 18, 20, 26, 28, 34 & 44 have been received un-served with the following postal remarks:–

Respondent No. 18:– “Addressee left this place, Hence, RTS”.

Respondent No. 20:– “Addressee Left, RTS”.

Respondent No. 26:– “Incomplete address, RTS”.

Respondent No. 28:– “Addressee Expired, RTS”.

Respondent No. 34:- "No such person in the address RTS".

Respondent No. 44:- Insufficient Add. RTS".

In view of the observations made above, **the appellants are directed to take necessary steps for obtaining instructions regarding the addresses of respondent Nos. 18, 20, 26, 34 & 44, within 7 (seven) days from the date of this order.**

Further, as for the respondent No. 28, it has been observed that the notice has been received un-served with a postal remark, which reads as "**Addressee Expired, RTS**".

In view of the above, this Lawazima Court is of the view that the petitioners may take steps for substitution of legal heirs of respondent No. 28, if so advised.

(iii) Further, in respect of the respondent Nos. 5, 11 to 17, 19, 25, 27, 29, 33, 35, 37 to 43 & 45 to 67, it appears that neither the A/D cards nor any un-served notices have been received by the concerned section as of yet.

However, learned counsel Mr. S.R.A. Naseer has appeared before the Lawazima Court today on behalf of the respondent Nos. 65, 66 & 67. As such, it may be said that **service in respect of the respondent Nos. 65, 66 & 67 has been completed.**

In view of the observations made above, **the appellants are directed to** take fresh steps for service of notice upon the respondent Nos. **5, 11 to 17, 19, 25, 27, 29, 33, 35, 37 to 43 & 45 to 64** by way of speed post mode, in terms of the **Notification No. 85 dated 15th October, 2025 (at Flag-'N')**. The said steps shall be taken within 7 (seven) days from the date of the said order.

Let the matter be listed again before the Lawazima Court in the first week of January, 2026.

Deputy Registrar (Bench)

Comparing Assistant