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

Case No. : WP(C)/6666/2025

2 NO SITLABARI SARBAJANIN SHIV MANDIR PARICHALANA SAMITY
REPRESENTED BY THE PRESIDENT, MANTU DEBNATH, S/O MANIK CH.
DEBNATH, AGED ABOUT 50 YEARS, R/O BRICK FIELD (OVER BRIDGE),
LUMDING, P.O. AND P.S. LUMDING, DIST. HOJAI, ASSAM.

VERSUS

THE STATE OF ASSAM AND 3 ORS
REPRESENTED BY THE CHIEF SECY. TO THE GOVT. OF ASSAM, FINANCE
(ESTABLISHMENT B) DEPTT., DISPUR, GUWAHATI 06

2:THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECY. TO THE GOVT. OF ASSAM
HOME AND POLITICAL DEPTT.
DISPUR
GUWAHATI 06

3:THE DIST. COMMISSIONER, HOJAI, ASSAM

4:THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, DSB, HOJAI, ASSAM

Advocate for the Petitioner : MS S SARMA HAZARIKA,

Advocate for the Respondent : GA, ASSAM,

BEFORE
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE KARDAK ETE

ORDER

Date : 26.11.2025

Heard Ms. S. Sarma Hazarika, learned counsel for the petitioner.

Being aggrieved by the non-consideration of the representation submitted

by the petitioner, who claims to be a registered society concerned with the celebration of local festivals, particularly those of religious and cultural significance, before the Deputy Commissioner, Hojai, for grant of permission to conduct lucky draw on the occasion of the Dol Jatra festival in terms of the order dated 11.11.2025 passed by the Secretary to the Finance Department, Government of Assam, this writ petition is filed.

It is the contention of the learned counsel for the petitioner that as per the order dated 11.11.2025, the Deputy Commissioner has to grant permission, subject to fulfilment of the conditions provided therein, to conduct gift coupons or lucky draws for local festivals. Non-grant of permission for conducting of lucky draw to the petitioner is in violation of the order of the State Government and will affect the celebration of the Dol Jatra festival.

Issue notice, returnable by 3 (three) weeks.

As Mr. S. S. Roy, learned State counsel has entered appearance and accepted notice on behalf of all the respondents, no formal notice need be served. However, requisite extra-copies of the writ petition along with the documents appended thereto be furnished to him during the course of the day.

Mr. S. S. Roy, learned State counsel to obtain instructions.

List the matter **after 3 (three) weeks.**

JUDGE

Comparing Assistant