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

Case No. : PIL/77/2018

ASOM BASAOK

A NGO BEARING REGISTRATION NO. KAH(H)/263/K/211 HAVING ITS REGISTERED OFFICE AT ASOM BASAOK, 302 BASISTHA ROAD, THE WILDERNESS, BELTOLA, GUWAHATI- 781028 REPRESENTED BY ITS GENERAL SECRETARY, SHRI RAJEEV BHATTACHARYYA, S/O SHRI HIRANYA KUMAR BHATTACHARYYA.

VERSUS

THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE AND 37 ORS.
REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY, INDIRA PARYAVARAN BHAVAN, JORBAGH ROAD, NEW DELHI- 110003.

2:FOREST SURVEY OF INDIA
(MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE)
REPRESENTED BY ITS DIRECTOR GENERAL
KAULAGARH ROAD
P.O. IPE DHERADUN- 248195
UTTARAKHAND (INDIA).

3:THE STATE OF ASSAM
REPRESENTED BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
DISPUR
GUWAHATI- 781006.

4:THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF ASSAM
FOREST AND ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT
DISPUR
GUWAHATI-6.

5:THE COMMISSIONER AND SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF ASSAM
LAND REVENUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT
DISPUR
GUWAHATI-6.

6:THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FOREST AND HEAD OF
FOREST FORCE
ASSAM
PANJABARI
GUWAHATI.

7:(SPECIAL) PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FOREST
KARBI ANGLONG
DIPHU.

8:(SPECIAL) PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FOREST
(LOWER ASSAM ZONE)

9:(SPECIAL) PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FOREST
(CAMPA)
O/O THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FOREST AND HEAD OF
FOREST FORCE
ASSAM.

10:(SPECIAL) PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FOREST
(BIO-DIVERSITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE)
O/O THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FOREST AND HEAD OF
FOREST FORCE
ASSAM.

11:THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER

NAGAON DIVISION.

12:THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER

GOLAGHAT.

13:THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER

NORTH KAMRUP
RANGIA.

14:THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER

LAKHIMPUR.

15:THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER

DHEMAJI DIVISION.

16:THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER

NAGAON WL DIVISION.

17:THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER

CACHAR DIVISION

18:THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER

EAWL
BOKAKHAT.

19:THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER

KAMRUP EAST DIVISION.

20:THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER

JORHAT DIVISION.

21:THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER

NAGAON SF DIVISION
NAGAON.

22:THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER

LAKHIMPUR SF DIVISION.

23:THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER

SONITPUR EAST DIVISION
BISWANATH CHARIALI.

24:THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER

PARBOTJHORA DIVISION
SUPARIGHAT.

25:ASSISTANT CONSERVATOR OF FOREST
ATTACHED TO THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER
SONITPUR WEST DIVISION.

26:ASSISTANT CONSERVATOR OF FOREST

ATTACHED TO THE THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER
LAKHIMPUR DIVISION.

27:ASSISTANT CONSERVATOR OF FOREST
ATTACHED TO THE THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER EAWL DIVISION
BOKAKHAT.

28:THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER
KAMRUP WEST DIVISION
BAMUNGAON
KAMRUP
ASSAM.

29:THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER
KAMRUP EAST DIVISION
BASISTHA
KAMRUP
ASSAM.

30:THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER
KARIMGANJ DIVISION
DIST. KARIMGANJ
ASSAM.

31:THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER
DIGBOI DIVISION
DIST. TINSUKIA
ASSAM.

32:THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER
N.C. HILLS DIVISION
HAFLONG
ASSAM.

33:THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER
AIE VALLEY DIVISION
BONGAIGAON
ASSAM.

34:THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER
KACHUGAON DIVISION
GOSAIGAON
ASSAM.

35:THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER
HALTUGAON DIVISION
KOKRAJHAR
ASSAM.

36:THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER
DHEMAJI DIVISION
DHEMAJI
ASSAM.

37:THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER
SIVASAGAR DIVISION
KAMRUP
ASSAM.

38:THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER
DIBRUGARH DIVISION
KAMRUP
ASSAM

Advocate for the Petitioner : MR. K N CHOUDHURY

Advocate for the Respondent : ASSTT.S.G.I.

BEFORE
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE N. KOTISWAR SINGH
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE MANISH CHOUDHURY

ORDER

Date : 04.10.2021

(N. Kotiswar Singh, J)

Heard Mr. D.J. Das, learned counsel for the petitioner. Also heard Mr. R.K.D. Choudhury, learned ASGI, Union of India for respondent no. 1; Ms. M. Bhattacharya, learned Government Advocate, Assam; Mr. K.P. Pathak, learned Standing Counsel, Forest Department and Ms. N. Bordoloi, learned Standing Counsel, Revenue Department.

This Court desired submission of a report relating to various steps required to be taken in terms of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 as well as in terms of the order passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in ***T.N. Godavarman Thirumulkpad vs. Union of India***, reported in ***(1997) 2 SCC***

267 to be filed by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests-cum-Head of Forest Force, Assam.

Today Mr. Pathak, learned Standing Counsel, Forest submits that there are as many as 78 Territorial Divisions, 2 Social Forestry Divisions, 7 Wildlife Divisions and 2 Directorates from which the aforesaid detailed information has to be gathered. Though the process has been initiated, it will take about another two months' time to do so.

Mr. Pathak, therefore, prays for 2 (two) months' time to submit the report.

The said report may be submitted, accordingly.

List the matter again on 06.12.2021.

JUDGE

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Comparing Assistant