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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

1.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 CONSERVAOTR 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

**Linked Case : PIL/39/2023**

1.PARITOSH KUMAR DAS AND ANR  
S/O- LATE ROMENDRA MOHAN DAS VILLAGE- PUB BAZARICHERRA (BLK-  
2) P.S.- BAZARICHERRA DIST.- KARIMGANJ ASSAM PIN- 788727.

2: RAJ SHEKHAR DUTTA  
S/O- LATE CHIRANJIB DUTTA RESIDENT OF STATION ROAD KARIMGANJ  
TOWN WARD NO. 22 (NEW) PS- KARIMGANJ DIST- KARIMGANJ ASSAM PIN-  
788710.

VERSUS

1.THE STATE OF ASSAM AND 6 ORS.  
REPRESENTED BY THE COMMISSIONER AND SECRETARY TO THE  
GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST DEPARTMENT  
DISPUR GUWAHATI-06 DIST- KAMRUP(M) ASSAM.

2:THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FOREST AND HEAD OF FOREST  
FORCES ASSAM ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST DEPARTMENT  
ARANYA BHAWAN PANJABARI ROAD GUWAHATI- 781037  
DIST.- KAMRUP(M) ASSAM.

3:THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER KARIMGANJ  
P.O.- KARIMGANJ PS.- KARIMGANJ DIST.- KARIMGANJ ASSAM.

4:THE RANGE FOREST OFFICER  
LOWAIRPOA RANGE KARIMGANJ PS- KARIMGANJ  
DIST- KARIMGANJ ASSAM.

5:THE RANGE FOREST OFFICER  
DUHALIA RANGE KARIMGANJ PS- KARIMGANJ  
DIST- KARIMGANJ ASSAM.

6:THE RANGE FOREST OFFICER  
PATHARKANDI RANGE KARIMGANJ PS- KARIMGANJ  
DIST- KARIMGANJ ASSAM.

7:THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER KARIMGANJ  
P.O. AND PS- KARIMGANJ DIST- KARIMGANJ ASSAM.

For the Petitioner(s) : Mr. K.N. Choudhury, Senior Advocate assisted by Mr. D.J.  
Das, Advocate.

For the Respondent(s) : Mr. K.P. Pathak, Standing Counsel, Forest Department.  
: Ms. M. Kechii, Additional Advocate General, Nagaland.  
: Ms. P.S. Bhattacharya, Additional Advocate General,  
Mizoram.  
: Mr. A. Chandran, Senior Government Advocate,  
Arunachal Pradesh.

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**HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. ASHUTOSH KUMAR**

**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN DEV CHOUDHURY**

**05.05.2026**

*(Ashutosh Kumar, CJ)*

An adjournment slip has been circulated on behalf of the respondents/Forest Department, with the consent of the other side.

Re-notify on 28.07.2026.

**JUDGE**

**CHIEF JUSTICE**

**Comparing Assistant**