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

Case No. : WP(C)/147/2026

M S KAUSTAV SAIKIA
H.NO-7,
1ST FLOOR, BYE LANE -5, SREENAGAR, R.G BARUAH ROAD, GUWAHATI-
05, REP. BY ITS PROP. KAUSTAV SAIKIA, AGED 39 YRS,
S/O- KULDIP KUMAR SAIKIA.
ASSAM

VERSUS

THE STATE OF ASSAM AND ORS
REP. BY THE COMMISSIONER AND SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF ASSAM,
ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST DEPARTMENT, DISPUR, GUWAHATI-06,
ASSAM

2:THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FOREST AND HEAD OF
FOREST

ASSAM
PANJABARI
GUWAHATI 781037

3:THE DEPUTY CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS
O/O THE PCCF
WILDLIFE AND CHIEF WILDLIFE WARDEN
ASSAM
ARANYA BHAWAN
PANJABARI
GUWAHATI-37

4:THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER
ASSAM STATE ZOO DIVISION
GUWAHATI

ASSA

Advocate for the Petitioner : MR A DAS, I BHATTACHARYYA,MR R HOQUE,MR. A CHETIA,MR. P DEKA

Advocate for the Respondent : SC, FOREST,

BEFORE
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE MANISH CHOUDHURY

ORDER

Date :01.04.2026

Heard Mr. A. Das, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr. R.R. Gogoi, learned Standing Counsel, Forest Department for all the respondents.

The petitioner has stated that on being awarded a work order dated 22.07.2021 for executing minor works at Assam State Zoo, Guwahati, he executed the same to the satisfaction of the respondent authorities. In that connection, the respondent no. 4 on 08.08.2022 also issued a certificate. As the final bill amount of Rs. 20,32,850/- has not yet been released to the petitioner, despite repeated approaches and representations, the petitioner is before this Court seeking a direction to the respondent authorities to release the said amount.

Issue notice, returnable on 15.05.2026.

As Mr. Gogoi, learned Standing Counsel, Forest Department has appeared and accepted notice on behalf of all the respondents, issuance of formal notice to the respondents is dispensed with. However, requisite nos. of extra copies of the writ petition along with annexures are to be furnished to Mr. Gogoi within 2 [two] working days from today.

The respondents shall file their response on or before the returnable date.

JUDGE

Comparing Assistant