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

Case No. : WP(C)/173/2026

Athupi Melo and 92 Ors
Son of Late Mr Lego Melo, Arzoo Circle, New Endolin, Dibang Valley District,
Arunachal Pradesh and General Secretary of Idu Mishmi Cultural and Literary
Society (IMCLS). 2: Dr Ista Pulu

Age:

Occupation :

Son of Late Risha Pulu

E-67

Mayu-I Roing Circle

Lower Dibang Valley District

Arunachal Pradesh.

3: Abba Pulu

Age:

Occupation :

Son of Late Risha Pulu

Indira Gandhi Government College

Tezu

Lohit District

Arunachal Pradesh.

4: Abotho Linggi

Age:

Occupation :

Son of Jiba Linggi

Kebali Village

Roing Circle

Lower Dibang Valley District

Arunachal Pradesh.

5: Alokhu Linggi

Age:

Occupation :

Son of Mr Rembu Linggi
Cheta-II
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

6: Ate Tapo
Age:
Occupation :
Son of Late Batu Tapo
Roing Circle
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

7: Boma Pulu
Age:
Occupation :
Son of Mr Reti Pulu
E-11
Near Middle School
Cheta-II
Roing
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

8: Chiko Tapo
Age:
Occupation :
Son of Late Batu Tapo
Kebali Village
Roing Circle
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

9: Depa Linggi
Age:
Occupation :
Son of Rembu Linggi
E-38
Cheta-II
Roing
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

10: Eja Pulu
Age:
Occupation :
Son of Late Motila Pulu
Iduli Village

Roing
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

11: Ela Linggi
Age:
Occupation :
Son of Late Enga Linggi
Ezengo Village
Roing Circle
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

12: Gusu Pulu
Age:
Occupation :
Son of Late Toda Pulu
Mayu-II
Roing Circle
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

13: Haringa Pulu
Age:
Occupation :
Son of Late Reti Pulu
Cheta-II
Roing
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

14: Iho Tapo
Age:
Occupation :
Son of Chiko Tapo
Kebali Village
Roing Circle
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

15: Jaju Pulu
Age:
Occupation :
Son of Late Reti Pulu
Cheta-II
Roing Circle
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

16: Jibi Pulu

Age:

Occupation :

Son of Late Risha Pulu

Asali Village

Roing Circle

Lower Dibang Valley District

Arunachal Pradesh.

17: Jibo Pulu

Age:

Occupation :

Son of Late Kotre Pulu

Kebali Village

Roing

Lower Dibang Valley District

Arunachal Pradesh.

18: Jichu Pulu

Age:

Occupation :

Son of Kana Pulu

Mayu-II

Roing

Lower Dibang Valley District

Arunachal Pradesh.

19: Jingu Pulu

Age:

Occupation :

Son of Reti Pulu

E-11

Cheta-II Vilalge

Lower Dibang Valley District

Arunachal Pradesh.

20: Jitu Pulu

Age:

Occupation :

Son of Late Ahuki Pulu

E-139

Mayu-II

Roing

Lower Dibang Valley District

Arunachal Pradesh.

21: Kana Pulu

Age:
Occupation :
Son of Late Toda Pulu
Mayu-II
Roing
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

22: Kebi Pulu
Age:
Occupation :
Son of Lte Risha Pulu
Kebali Village
Roing Circle
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

23: Khuru Mitapo
Age:
Occupation :
Son of Faine Mitapo
Kebali
Roing Circle
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

24: Kotosi Menda
Age:
Occupation :
Son of Late Amboko Menda
Mayu-II
Roing Circle
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

25: Kutundu Linggi
Age:
Occupation :
Son of Late Enga Linggi
Mayu-II
Roing Circle
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

26: Layu Pulu
Age:
Occupation :
Son of Nakope Pulu

E-53
Iduli Village
Roing
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

27: Laza Pulu
Age:
Occupation :
Son of Late Motila Puli
Iduli Village
Roing
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

28: Lazi Pulu
Age:
Occupation :
Son of Late Motila Pulu
Iduli Village
Roing
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

29: Nagu Menda
Age:
Occupation :
Son of Mutige Menda
Cheta-II
Roing Circle
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

30: Nedi Pulu
Age:
Occupation :
Son of Late Tuti Pulu
Cheta-I
Roing Circle
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

31: Phidi Pulu
Age:
Occupation :
Son of Kana Pulu
Mayu-II
Roing

Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

32: Rodi Pulu

Age:

Occupation :

Son of Kana Pulu

Mayu-II

Roing

Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

33: Jirkho Mitapo

Age:

Occupation :

Son of Late Amolo Tapo

Cheta-I Vilalge

Roing

Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

34: Site Tapo

Age:

Occupation :

Son of Batu Tapo

Kebali Village

Roing Circle

Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

35: Thosa Menda

Age:

Occupation :

Son of Mutige Menda

Cheta-II

Roing Circle

Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

36: Tiba Tapo

Age:

Occupation :

Son of Ate Tapo

Ezengo

Roing Circle

Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

37: Wiju Tapo
Age:
Occupation :
Son of Sundu Tapo
Kebali Village
E-31
Roing Circle
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

38: Adigi Linggi
Age:
Occupation :
Wife of Rembu Linggi
Cheta-II
Roing
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

39: Goila Mitapo
Age:
Occupation :
Son of A Mitapo
Ezengo
Roing Circle
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

40: Mrs HELi Elapra
Age:
Occupation :
Wife of Chiko Tapo
Kebali
Roing
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

41: Mrs Jina Linggi
Age:
Occupation :
Wife of Mr Ate Tapo
Ezengo
Roing Circle
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

42: Mrs Jinji Linggi
Age:

Occupation :
Daughter of Mr Kala Mikhu
Kebali Village
Roing Circle
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

43: Mrs Priya Keche
Age:
Occupation :
New Chidu Village
Roing Circle
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

44: Mrs Shanti Miwu
Age:
Occupation :
Daughter of Late Letha Miwu
Kebali
Roing Circle
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

45: Ms Niya Tapo
Age:
Occupation :
Daughter of Mar Ate Tapo
Roing Circle
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

46: Ms Piya Tapo
Age:
Occupation :
Daughter of Mr Ate Tapo
E-68
Ezengo
Roing
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

47: Ram Linggi
Age:
Occupation :
Son of Thulu Linggi
Abali-II Village
Lower Dibang Valley District

Arunachal Pradesh.

48: Ms Rita Linggi

Age:

Occupation :

Daughter of Mr Tura Linggi

Roing Circle

Lower Dibang Valley District

Arunachal Pradesh.

49: Ms Riya Tapo

Age:

Occupation :

Daughter of Mr Ate Tapo

Ezengo Village

Roing Circle

Lower Dibang Valley District

Arunachal Pradesh.

50: Ms Wehi Pulu

Age:

Occupation :

Daughter of Late Motila Pulu

Iduli Village

Roing Circle

Lower Dibang Valley District

Arunachal Pradesh.

51: Ajiko Pulu

Age:

Occupation :

Son of Late Jopa Pulu

House No. E-42

Abango Village

Roing Circle

Lower Dibang Valley District

Arunachal Pradesh.

52: Diju Mega

Age:

Occupation :

Son fo Mr Mona Mega

Abango Village

Roing Circle

Lower Dibang Valley District

Arunachal Pradesh.

53: Emule Mega

Age:
Occupation :
Son of Late Mono Mega
Abango Village
Roing Circle
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

54: Handi Mega
Age:
Occupation :
Son of Late Pila Mega
Abango Village
Roing Circle
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

55: Jakie Mega
Age:
Occupation :
Son of Late Anuke Mega
Abango Village
Roing Circle
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

56: Johny Mega
Age:
Occupation :
Son of Late Mona Mega
Abango Village
Roing Circle
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

57: Loko Mimi
Age:
Occupation :
Son of Muke Mimi
Abango Village
Roing Circle
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

58: Natri Aprawe
Age:
Occupation :
Son of Gamu Aprawe

Abango Village
Roing Circle
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

59: Panku Mega
Age:
Occupation :
Son of Late Aka mega
Abango Village
Roing Circle
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

60: Ralla Mega
Age:
Occupation :
Son of Late Medasu Mega
Abango Village
Roing Circle
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

61: Rithi Mega
Age:
Occupation :
Son of Late Rukchi Mega
Abango Village
Roing Circle
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

62: Somy Keché
Age:
Occupation :
Son of Late Adeso Keché
Abango Village
Roing Circle
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

63: Sony Aprawe
Age:
Occupation :
Son of Notige Aprawe
Abango Village
Roing Circle
Lower Dibang Valley District

Arunachal Pradesh.

64: Zila Mega

Age:

Occupation :

Son of Late Pila Mega

Abango Village

Roing Circle

Lower Dibang Valley District

Arunachal Pradesh.

65: Mrs Siya Mimi

Age:

Occupation :

Daughter of Musuchu Mimi

Abango Village

Roing Circle

Lower Dibang Valley District

Arunachal Pradesh.

66: Umesh Mega

Age:

Occupation :

Son of Medasu Mega

Abango Vilalge

Roing Circle

Lower Dibang Valley District

Arunachal Pradesh.

67: Abbi Miso

Age:

Occupation :

Son of Mr nalo Miso

Solungo

Hunli

Hunli Circle

Lower Dibang Valley District

Arunachal Pradesh.

68: Ako Miso

Age:

Occupation :

Son of Khreda Miso

Desali Circle

Lower Dibang Valley District

Arunachal Pradesh.

69: Amar Meto

Age:
Occupation :
Son of Lochu Meto
Maselo Village
Roing Circle
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

70: Mrs Aprondo Mega
Age:
Occupation :
Wife of Mr Notey Mega
Dopowa Village
Desali Circle
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

71: Ango Meto
Age:
Occupation :
Son of Jami Meto
Desali Village
Desali Circle
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

72: Athogi Miso
Age:
Occupation :
Son of Anati Miso
Solongo
Desali Circle
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

73: Bralo Miso
Age:
Occupation :
Son of Picha Miso
House No.E-2
Duchuli Village
Desali Circle
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

74: Deko Mega
Age:
Occupation :

Son of Dibe Mega
Dopowa Village
Desali Circle
Roing Circle
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

75: Embo Meto
Age:
Occupation :
Son of Jami Meto
Desali Village
Chuluni
Desali Circle
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

76: Jami Meto
Age:
Occupation :
Son of Late Pengay Meto
Desali Village
Chuluni
Desali Circle
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

77: Lamu Miso
Age:
Occupation :
Son of Late Mr Sili Miso
House No. E-2
Chanli Village
Desali Circle
Roing
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

78: Lapudi Mili
Age:
Occupation :
Son of Angiti Mili
Apanli
Hunli Circle
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

79: Liba Miku

Age:
Occupation :
Son of Alasi Miku
Desali Village
Hunli
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

80: Magra Miso
Age:
Occupation :
Son of Khreda Miso
Chulungo
Desali
Desali Circle
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

81: Mash Keche
Age:
Occupation :
Son of Mekhe Keche
Donli Village
Desali Circle
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

82: Mipi Mega
Age:
Occupation :
Son of Tina Mega
Intaya Village
Roing Circle
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

83: Rita Miso
Age:
Occupation :
Son of Late Sili Miso
House No.E-2
Chanli Village
Desali Circle
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

84: Mrs Nane mega
Age:

Occupation :
Daughter of Debi Mega
Dopowa
Desali
Desali Circle
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

85: Noso Meto
Age:
Occupation :
Son of Tibu Meto
Chuyuni
Desali Circle
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

86: Notey Mega
Age:
Occupation :
Son of Andesi Keche
Dopowa Village
Desali Circle
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

87: Piney Miso
Age:
Occupation :
Son of Anati Miso
House No.E-5
Solungo Village
Desali Circle
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

88: Robin Mega
Age:
Occupation :
Son of Ganga Mega
Desali Village
Desali Circle
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

89: Tao Miso
Age:
Occupation :

Son of Joyte Miso
Duchuli
Hunli Circle
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

90: Taro Meto
Age:
Occupation :
Son of Rosa Meto
Chanli Village
Desali Circle
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

91: Tina Mega
Age:
Occupation :
Son of Late Songge Mega
Intaya Village
Roing Circle
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

92: Prendi Miso
Age:
Occupation :
Son of Wima Miso
House No. E-10
Desali Village
Desali Circle
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh.

93: Wiko Keche
Age:
Occupation :
Son of Londo Keche
Kera aa ati
Roing Circle
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh

VERSUS

The Union of India and 19 Ors
represented by the Secretary, Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change,
Jor Bagh Rd, Lodi Colony, New Delhi, Delhi 110003 2:The Chief Executive

Officer
Age: 0
Occupation :
National Authority
CAMPA
Block No.3
4th Floor
CGO Complex
Lodhi Road
Ministry of Environment
Forest and Climate Change
New Delhi 110003

3:The State of Arunachal Pradesh
Age: 0
Occupation :
represented by the Chief Secretary
Civil Secretariat Govt of Arunachal Pradesh 791111

4:The Chief Executive Officer
Age: 0
Occupation :
State Authority
CAMPA
Office of PCCF
PO and PS Itanagar
Papum Pare District
Govt of Arunachal Pradesh 791111

5:The Chief Conservator of Forest
Age: 0
Occupation :
Eastern Arunachal Circle
PO and PS Tezu
Lohit District
Arunachal Pradesh 792001

6:The Deputy Commissioner
Age: 0
Occupation :
PO and PS Roing
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh 792110

7:Hibu Tana
Age: 0
Occupation :
Divisional Forest Officer

Dibang Forest Division
PO and PS Roing
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh 792110

8:Prangko Miso
Age: 0
Occupation :
Former Range Forest Officer
Koronu Forest Range
currently Roing Forest Range Officer
PO and PS Roing
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh 792110

9:Guto Meto
Age: 0
Occupation :
Range Forest Officer
Koronu Forest Range
PO and PS Roing
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh 792110

10:Bapak Koyu
Age: 0
Occupation :
Former Range Forest Officer
Roing Forest Range
Roing Circle
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh 792110

11:Binoy Kardong
Age: 0
Occupation :
Former Deputy Range Forest Officer
Hunli Forest Range
Paglam Village
PO and PS Dambuk
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh 792110

12:Songe Mega
Age: 0
Occupation :
Forester
Hunli Forest Range

Divisionla Forest Office
PO and PS Roing Circle
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh 792110

13:Kenjum Rina
Age: 0
Occupation :
Former DFO Roing
Opposite General Ground
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh 792110

14:Rahul Meme
Age: 0
Occupation :
Son of Late Uko Meme
Cheta Village
PO and PS Roing
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh 792110

15:Hapi Mene
Age: 0
Occupation :
Son of Mrs Junta Mene
House No.E-3
Kera-aa Ati
PO and PS Roing Circle
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh 792110

16:Arun Mene
Age: 0
Occupation :
Son of Mr Dalukha Mene
Mayu-II
PO and PS Roing Circle
Lower Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh 792110

17:Dalukha Mene
Age: 0
Occupation :
Son of Late Hindo Mene
mayu-II
PO and PS Roing
Lower Dibang Valley District

Arunachal Pradesh 792110

18:Mrs Junta Mene

Age: 0

Occupation :

Proprietor of M/s Tarun Enterprise

Mayu Village

PO and PS Roing

Lower Dibang Valley District

Arunachal Pradesh 792110

19:Akepi Miuli

Age: 0

Occupation :

proprietor of M/s Dibang Enterprise

Cheta-I

PO and PS Roing

Lower Dibang Valley District

Arunachal Pradesh 792110

20:Jimpo Pulu

Age: 0

Occupation :

Son of Late Idiso Pulu

Abango Village

PO and PS Roing

Lower Dibang Valley District

Arunachal Pradesh 79211

Advocate for the Petitioner : Sunil Mow, Ebo Mili,D Tatum,Chanya Bangsia,Tenzin Chhoten,Sonam Tsomo,k N Maling

Advocate for the Respondent : Marto Kato, GA (AP),DSGI

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-BEFORE-

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANISH CHOUDHURY

24.04.2026

-ORDER-

Heard Mr. S. Mow, learned counsel for the petitioners; Ms. Y. Gao,

learned counsel on behalf of Mr. M. Kato, learned Dy.S.G.I. for respondent nos. 1 & 2 and Mr. N. Ratan, learned Addl. Advocate General, Arunachal Pradesh representing respondent nos. 3 to 6.

2. The petitioners have claimed to be the land owners having parcels of land in a number of villages, namely, Elopa, Chidu, Kebali, Etopa, Hunli, Desali, Abango, Dopowa, Solungo, Ezengo. It is the case of the petitioners that between December 2020 and June 2023, a number of agreement were illegally executed among the respondent nos. 7 to 20 in respect of the parcels of land, ownership of which are claimed by the petitioners. It is the further case of the petitioners that on the basis of those illegally executed agreements, the respondents had illegally got disbursed a huge amount from the CAMPA fund and had misappropriated the same.

3. Mr. Ratan, learned Addl. Advocate General has raised the issue of maintainability of the writ petition. He has submitted that some of the reliefs, as sought for, is not within the scope and ambit of Article 226 of the Constitution of India, as they are to be established by the petitioners by leading evidences before a civil court. He has further submitted that depending on the findings in a full-fledged trial, other reliefs, as sought for, in the writ petition can be considered.

4. Having regard to the prayers made in the writ petition, the Court is of the tentative view that some reliefs, as sought for, in the writ petition are not within the scope and ambit of the power of judicial preview available under Article 226 of the Constitution of India.

5. Be that as it may, the issue of maintainability would be considered at an appropriate stage.

- 6.** Issue notice, returnable in 4 (four) weeks.
- 7.** Since Mr. N. Ratan, learned Addl. Advocate General and Ms. Y. Gao, learned counsel on behalf of Mr. M. Kato, learned Dy.S.G.I. have entered their appearance and accepted notices on behalf of their respective respondents, namely, respondent nos. 1 to 6, issuance of formal notices upon the said respondents is dispensed with. Requisite nos. of extra copies of the writ petition along with the annexures are to be furnished to them by the learned counsel for the petitioners within 3 (three) working days from today.
- 8.** The petitioners shall take steps for service of notice upon respondent nos. 7 to 20 by speed post within 3 (three) working days.
- 9.** As sought for, the petitioners are allowed to take steps for service of notices upon the respondent nos. 7 to 20 by way of *dasti*, which is to be routed through the Registry of this Court. After effecting such service of notice upon respondent nos. 7 to 20 by way of *dasti*, the petitioner shall file a compliance affidavit to that effect within 4 (four) weeks from today.
- 10.** List the matter after 4 (four) weeks on a date to be fixed by the Registry.

JUDGE

Comparing Assistant