

GAHC040010372024



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

**Case No. : WP(C)/338/2024**

Komane Mele and 14 Ors

Son of Late Dibi Mele, permanent resident of Apunli Village, PO and PS Anini,  
Dibang Valley District, Arunachal Pradesh 2: Azad Mele

Age:

Occupation :

Son of Dibi Mele

permanent resident of Etalin Bridge Point

PO and PS Anini

Dibang Valley District

Arunachal Pradesh

3: Tagini Mele

Age:

Occupation :

Son of Komane Mele

permanent resident of Etalin Bridge Point

PO and PS Anini

Dibang Valley District

Arunachal Pradesh

4: Bailo Mele

Age:

Occupation :

Son of Jibu mele

permanent resident of Etalin Head Quarter

PO and PS Anini

Dibang Valley District

Arunachal Pradesh

5: Yona Mele

Age:

Occupation :

Son of Kakoma Mele

permanent resident of Etalin Head Quarter  
PO and PS Anini  
Dibang Valley District  
Arunachal Pradesh

6: Natri Mele

Age:

Occupation :

Son of Gete Mele

permanent resident of Etalin Head Quarter

PO and PS Anini

Dibang Valley District

Arunachal Pradesh

7: Raj Mele

Age:

Occupation :

Son of Mukuli Mele

permanent resident of Apunli village

PO and PS Anini

Dibang Valley District

Arunachal Pradesh

8: Anta Mele

Age:

Occupation :

Son of Baha Mele

permanent resident of Etalin Bridge Point

PO and PS Anini

Dibang Valley District

Arunachal Pradesh

9: Japani Mele

Age:

Occupation :

Son of Baha Mele

permanent resident of Etalin Bridge Point

PO and PS Anini

Dibang Valley District

Arunachal Pradesh

10: Sondo Mele

Age:

Occupation :

Son of Yona Mele

permanent resident of Etalin Head Quarter

PO and PS Anini

Dibang Valley District

Arunachal Pradesh

11: Taya Mele

Age:

Occupation :

Son Komane Mele

permanent resident of Etalin Bridge Point

PO and PS Anini

Dibang Valley District

Arunachal Pradesh

12: Emuhu Mele

Age:

Occupation :

Son of Late Rukhu Mele

permanent resident of Etiyee village

PO and PS Anini

Dibang Valley District

Arunachal Pradesh

13: Jaha Mele

Age:

Occupation :

Son of Chee Mele

permanent resident of Etalin Head Quarter

PO and PS Anini

Dibang Valley District

Arunachal Pradesh

14: Lunju Mele

Age:

Occupation :

Son of Jibu Mele

permanent resident of Etalin Head Quarter

PO and PS Anini

Dibang Valley District

Arunachal Pradesh

15: Akhato Mele

Age:

Occupation :

Son of Borage Mele

permanent resident of Etalin Head Quarter

PO and PS Anini

Dibang Valley District

Arunachal Pradesh

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The State of AP and 6 Ors  
represented by the Chief Secretary, Govt of Arunachal Pradesh, Civil Secretariat,  
Itanagar        2:The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest

Age: 0

Occupation :

Department of Environment and Forest

Govt of Arunachal Pradesh

Itanagar

3:The Conservator of Forest (Cons)

Age: 0

Occupation :

Department of Environment and Forest

Govt of Arunachal Pradesh

Itanagar

4:The Chief Conservator of Forest

Age: 0

Occupation :

EAC

Tezu

Department of Environment and Forest

District Lohit

Arunachal Pradesh

5:The Divisional Forest Officer

Age: 0

Occupation :

Anini Social Forestry Division

Dibang Valley District

Arunachal Pradesh

6:The Deputy Commissioner cum Forest Settlement Officer

Age: 0

Occupation :

Anini

Dibang Valley District

Arunachal Pradesh Cum Forest Settlement Officer

7:The Secretary

Age: 0

Occupation :

General Administration

Govt of Arunachal Pradesh

Civil Secretariat

Itanaga

**Advocate for the Petitioner** : Rintu Saikia

**Advocate for the Respondent** : GA (AP)

**BEFORE  
HONBLE MR. JUSTICE KAKHETO SEMA**

**ORDER**

**Date : 19.08.2024**

Heard Mr. R. Saikia, learned counsel for the petitioners.

The present writ petition has been filed seeking for a direction to quash and set aside the Preliminary Notification dated 06.08.2019, proposing to constitute the schedule land as Village Forest Reserve(VFR), the Certificate of Mutation dated 18.12.2017, mutating the schedule land in the name of the State Environment & Forest Department, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh and the Proclamation dated 01.07.2024, constituting the schedule land as Village Forest Reserve.

Issue notice to the respondents, returnable after three weeks.

Mr. N. Ratan, learned Addl. Advocate General accepts notice on behalf of the State respondents No.1 to 7, therefore, no formal notice need be issued.

The learned counsel for the petitioners shall, however, serve the requisite copies of the writ petition to the learned Addl. Advocate General, during the course of the day.

The prayer for interim shall be considered on the next returnable date.

**JUDGE**

**Comparing Assistant**