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

Case No. : IA(C)/53/2026

Jaha Mele and 7 Ors
Son of Chee Mele, permanent resident of Etalin Head Quarter, PO and PS Anini,
Dibang Valley District, Arunachal Pradesh

2: Yona Mele
Age:
Occupation :
Son of Kakoma Mele
permanent resident of Etalin Head Quarter
PO and PS Anini
Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh

3: Akhato Mele
Age:
Occupation :
Son of Borage Mele
permanent resident of Etalin Head Quarter
PO and PS Anini
Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh

4: Natri Mele
Age:
Occupation :
Son of Gete Mele
permanent resident of Etalin Head Quarter
PO and PS Anini
Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh

5: Sondo Mele
Age:

Occupation :
Son of Yona Mele
permanent resident of Etalin Head Quarter
PO and PS Anini
Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh

6: Bailo Mele
Age:
Occupation :
Son of Jibu mele
permanent resident of Etalin Head Quarter
PO and PS Anini
Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh

7: Lunju Mele
Age:
Occupation :
Son of Jibu Mele
permanent resident of Etalin Head Quarter
PO and PS Anini
Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh

8: Emuhu Mele
Age:
Occupation :
Son of Late Rukhu Mele
permanent resident of Etiyee village
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 :
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 Commssioenr cum Forest Ssettlemntn 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 : Muchi Mele,

Advocate for the Respondent : GA (AP),

Linked Case : WP(C)/338/2024

Komane Mele and 14 Ors
Age: 62
Occupation :

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

2: Azad Mele

Age: 40

Occupation :

Address: Son of Dibi Mele
permanent resident of Etalin Bridge Point
PO and PS Anini
Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh

3: Tagini Mele

Age: 30

Occupation :

Address: Son of Komane Mele
permanent resident of Etalin Bridge Point
PO and PS Anini
Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh

4: Bailo Mele

Age: 43

Occupation :

Address: Son of Jibu mele
permanent resident of Etalin Head Quarter
PO and PS Anini
Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh

5: Yona Mele

Age: 54

Occupation :

Address: Son of Kakoma Mele
permanent resident of Etalin Head Quarter
PO and PS Anini
Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh

6: Natri Mele

Age: 26

Occupation :

Address: Son of Gete Mele
permanent resident of Etalin Head Quarter
PO and PS Anini
Dibang Valley District

Arunachal Pradesh

7: Raj Mele

Age: 32

Occupation :

Address:Son of Mukuli Mele

permanent resident of Apunli village

PO and PS Anini

Dibang Valley District

Arunachal Pradesh

8: Anta Mele

Age: 26

Occupation :

Address:Son of Baha Mele

permanent resident of Etalin Bridge Point

PO and PS Anini

Dibang Valley District

Arunachal Pradesh

9: Japani Mele

Age: 40

Occupation :

Address:Son of Baha Mele

permanent resident of Etalin Bridge Point

PO and PS Anini

Dibang Valley District

Arunachal Pradesh

10: Sondo Mele

Age: 32

Occupation :

Address:Son of Yona Mele

permanent resident of Etalin Head Quarter

PO and PS Anini

Dibang Valley District

Arunachal Pradesh

11: Taya Mele

Age: 32

Occupation :

Address:Son Komane Mele

permanent resident of Etalin Bridge Point

PO and PS Anini

Dibang Valley District

Arunachal Pradesh

12: Emuhu Mele

Age: 55

Occupation :

Address: Son of Late Rukhu Mele
permanent resident of Etiyee village
PO and PS Anini
Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh

13: Jaha Mele

Age: 22

Occupation :

Address: Son of Chee Mele
permanent resident of Etalin Head Quarter
PO and PS Anini
Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh

14: Lunju Mele

Age: 58

Occupation :

Address: Son of Jibu Mele
permanent resident of Etalin Head Quarter
PO and PS Anini
Dibang Valley District
Arunachal Pradesh

15: Akhato Mele

Age: 45

Occupation :

Address: 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

Age: 0

Occupation :

Address: represented by the Chief Secretary
Govt of Arunachal Pradesh
Civil Secretariat
Itanagar

2: The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest

Age: 0

Occupation :

Address: Department of Environment and Forest
Govt of Arunachal Pradesh

Itanagar

3:The Conservator of Forest (Cons)

Age: 0

Occupation :

Address:Department of Environment and Forest

Govt of Arunachal Pradesh

Itanagar

4:The Chief Conservator of Forest

Age: 0

Occupation :

Address:EAC

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Department of Environment and Forest

District Lohit

Arunachal Pradesh

5:The Divisional Forest Officer

Age: 0

Occupation :

Address:Anini Social Forestry Division

Dibang Valley District

Arunachal Pradesh

6:The Deputy Commissioner cum Forest Settlement Officer

Age: 0

Occupation :

Address:Anini

Dibang Valley District

Arunachal Pradesh Cum Forest Settlement Officer

7:The Secretary

Age: 0

Occupation :

Address:General Administration

Govt of Arunachal Pradesh

Civil Secretariat

Itanagar

Advocate for : Rintu Saikia

Advocate for : GA (AP) appearing for The State of AP and 6 Ors: Advocate ,

**BEFORE
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE KARDAK ETE**

ORDER

Date : 18-02-2026

Heard Ms. M. Mele, learned counsel for the applicants. Also heard Mr. Y. Riram, learned Government Advocate for the State respondents.

2. This is an application praying for striking out the names of the Petitioner Nos. 4, 5, 6, 10, 12, 13, 14 & 15 in the connected writ petition being WP(C) No. 338/(AP)2024.

3. The applicants, along with some other petitioners, have filed the writ petition being WP(C) No. 338/(AP)2024 challenging the Certificate of Mutation dated 18.12.2017, whereby the scheduled land was mutated in the name of the State Environment & Forest Department, Government of Arunachal Pradesh; the Preliminary Notification dated 06.08.2019 issued by the Principal Secretary (Environment & Forest) proposing to constitute the scheduled land as Village Forest Reserve (VFR); and the Proclamation dated 01.07.2024 constituting the scheduled land as Village Forest Reserve (VFR), on the ground that they are landowners. However, during the pendency of the writ petition, the applicants came to know that they are not the landowners. Therefore, they are no longer interested in pursuing the writ petition.

4. Having considered that the applicants are not land owners, for which Certificate of Mutation dated 18.12.2017, the Preliminary Notification, dated 06.08.2019 and the Proclamation dated 01.07.2024 were issued and considering that they are no longer interested to pursue the matter as well as, as agreed to by the learned counsels for the parties, this interlocutory application is allowed.

5. Accordingly, the names of the applicants, being Petitioner Nos. 4, 5, 6, 10, 12, 13, 14 & 15, be struck off from the array of petitioners in WP(C) No. 338/ (AP)2024.

6. The interlocutory application stands disposed of.

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Comparing Assistant