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

Case No. : PIL/15/2025

Likha Rajnik
Son of Shri Likha Tana, resident of Riyo Village, Nirjuli, PO and PS Nirjuli, Papum
Pare District, Arunachal Pradesh.

VERSUS

The State of AP and 10 Ors
represented by the Chief Secretary, Govt of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar. 2:The
Secretary
Age: 0
Occupation :
Department of Home
Govt of Arunachal Pradesh
Itanagar.

3:The Secretary
Age: 0
Occupation :
Department of State Lotteries
Govt of Arunachal Pradesh
Itanagar.

4:The Director General of Police
Age: 0
Occupation :
Govt of Arunachal Pradesh
PHQ
Chimpu
Itanagar.

5:The Superintending of Police
Age: 0
Occupation :

Capital Complex
Itanagar Division
Itanagar to be represented by PP

6:The Superintending of Police
Age: 0
Occupation :
Capital Complex
Naharlagun Division
Naharlagun to be represented by the PP

7:The Superintending of Police
Age: 0
Occupation :
Yupia
Papum Pare District
to be represented by the PP

8:The Officer in Charge
Age: 0
Occupation :
Police Station Itanagar
to be represented by the PP

9:The Officer in Charge
Age: 0
Occupation :
Police Station Naharlagun
to be represented by the PP

10:The Officer in Charge
Age: 0
Occupation :
Police Station Doimukh
to be represented by the PP

11:The Officer in Charge
Age: 0
Occupation :
Police Station Papu Hill
Naharlagun to be represented by the P

Advocate for the Petitioner : Lissing Perme, Signal Yirang, Tabung Nonang, A Perme, Wintet Sawin, Jumge Riram, Krishna Dubey

Advocate for the Respondent : GA (AP), P P of AP

BEFORE
HONBLE MR. JUSTICE SOUMITRA SAIKIA
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE BUDI HABUNG

ORDER

04.09.2025

(S. SAIKIA, J)

Heard Mr. L. Perme, learned counsel for the petitioner.

This Public Interest Litigation has been filed by the petitioner in his personal capacity, who claims to be a resident of Nirjuli in the State of Arunachal Pradesh. The petitioner is aggrieved by the rampant conduct of lottery distributorships and lucky draws organized by individuals or associations, which are wholly unauthorized and not permitted under the Lotteries (Regulation) Act, 1998 and the Rules framed thereunder.

It is submitted that, in terms of the Lotteries (Regulation) Act, 1998 and the Rules framed thereunder, only the State Government is authorized to organize lotteries.

The learned counsel for the PIL petitioner submits that, although there is a Department for State Lotteries under the Government of Arunachal Pradesh, all the lotteries mentioned in the petition are entirely unauthorized, as they are privately organized without any lawful authority. Under such circumstances, the present PIL has been filed seeking a direction to the respondent State to take necessary action in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the Rules framed thereunder.

Mr. N. Ratan, learned Addl. Advocate General appears for the State respondents.

Considering the issues involved, let notices be issued returnable within a period of four weeks.

Since Mr. N. Ratan, learned Addl. Advocate General appears and accepts notice on behalf of all the respondents, notices are waived. However, extra copies be furnished to the learned counsel for the respondents.

Accordingly, let this matter be listed after returnable date.

JUDGE

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Comparing Assistant