

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

Case No.: PIL/18/2023

PRAMOD KALITA AND 2 ORS S/O UTTAM KALITA, BY OCCUPATION-CATTLE FARMER, R/O VILL-CHAKARDO, NEAR DEEPOR BEEL RANGE OFFICE, P.O.-AZARA, DIST-KAMRUP (M), ASSAM-781017

2: SONESH TERON S/O LATE BINAN TERON BY OCCUPATION-FARMER R/O VILL-PAMOHI P.O. AND P.S.-GARCHUK DIST-KAMRUP(M) ASSAM-781035

3: DIPAK TERANG S/O LATE RADHARAM TERANG BY OCCUPATION-SELF BUSINESS R/ OVILL-PAMOHI P.O. AND P.S.-GARCHUK DIST-KAMRUP (M) ASSAM-78103

## **VERSUS**

THE UNION OF INDIA AND 17 ORS REPRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE, INDIRA PARYAVARAN BHAWAN, JORBAGH ROAD, NEW DELHI-110003

2:THE MINISTRY OF INDIAN RAILWAYS REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY RAIL BHAWAN HEAD QUARTERS 1 RAISINA ROAD NEW DELHI

3:MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

NORTH EASTERN REGIONAL OFFICE LAW-U-SIB LUMBATNGEN NEAR MTC WORKSHOP SHILLONG-7930211

4:THE STATE OF ASSAM
REPRESENTED BY THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT
OF ASSAM
ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST DEPARTMENT
DISPUR
GUWAHATI-781006

5:THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM REPRESENTING THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL KOLKATTA EAST ZONE (TO MONITOR ACTIVITIES IN DEEPOR BEEL AREA WITH SPECIFIC TOR) DISPUR SECRETARIAT COMPLEX GUWHAATI-6

6:THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS AND HEAD OF FOREST FORCE H-BLOCK 2ND FLOOR JANATA BHAWAN DISPUR GUWAHATI-781006

7:THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS (WILDLIFE)
H-BLOCK
2ND FLOOR
JANATA BHAWAN
DISPUR
GUWHAATI-781006
ASSAM

8:THE COMMISSIONER AND SECRETARY GUWAHATI MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION GUWAHATI

9:THE GUWHAATI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION REPRESENTED BY ITS CHAIRMAN GUWAHATI

**ASSAM** 

10:THE GUWAHATI METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REPRESENTED BY ITS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER BHANGAGARH GUWAHATI 11:STATE BOARD FOR WILDLIFE REPRESENTED BY ITS CHAIRMAN DISPUR SECRETARIAT COMPLEX GUWAHATI-781006

12:THE NORTH EASTERN FRONTIER RAILWAY REPRESENTED BY ITS CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER HEAD QUARTERS MALIGAON GUWAHATI

13:THE ASSAM STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY GUWAHATI

14:CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER NORTH EASTERN FRONTIER RAILWAYS MALIGAON GUWAHATI ASSAM

15:THE ASSAM TOURISM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION REPRESENTED BY ITS DIRECTOR GUWAHATI

16:THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER KAMRUP (M) GUWAHATI

17:CENTRAL WETLAND REGULATORY AUTHORITY REPRESENTED BY PCCF AND HOFF ASSAM ARANYA BHAWAN PANJABARI GUWAHATI-781037

18:THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF ASSAM DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES DISPUR GUWAHATI-78100

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## BEFORE HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SUMAN SHYAM

## **ORDER**

Date: <u>27-05-2024</u> (Vijay Bishnoi, CJ)

The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners' has made a specific statement that earth-filling is going on in the Deepor Beel area which may severely affect the Deepor Beel.

Mr. P. Nayak, learned standing counsel, GMDA has submitted that as per his instructions no earth-filling is going on in the Deepor Beel area.

We direct, Mr. Nayak to file an affidavit from the concerned official that no earth-filling is going on in the Deepor Beel Area, by the next date of hearing.

Mr. D. Nath, learned Sr. Govt. Advocate, Assam is also directed to file an additional affidavit regarding demarcation of the Deepor Beel area by the Revenue Department.

List in the last week of July, 2024, before the Green Bench.

JUDGE

**CHIEF JUSTICE** 

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