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THE GAUHATI HIGH COURT

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

Case No.: WP(C) 3567/2019

1:PREMCHAN MANDAL AND 9 ORS. S/O- LATE THAKUR DAS MANDAL, CHAIRMAN OF SUB DIVISIONAL SC DEVELOPMENT BOARD, MORIGAON, , R/O- VILL NO.1 BORPOTHAR, P.O-TOPTOLA, DIST- MORIGAON, ASSAM, PIN- 782105

2: DEEP DAS
S/O- LATE DILIP DAS
CHAIRMAN OF SUB DIVISIONAL SC DEVELOPMENT BOARD
NAGAON
R/O- VILL- RAIDONGIA
P.O- AIBHETI
P.S- JAJORI
DIST- NAGAON
ASSSAM
PIN- 782003

3: HARESWAR DHUBI
S/O- LATE RAGHU NANDAAN DHUBI
CHAIRMAN OF SUB DIVISIONAL SC DEVELOPMENT BOARD
LAKHIPUR
R/O- VILL- URABIL BASRI
P.O- PAILAPOOL
PIN- 788001

4: ARUN BISWAS
S/O- LATE RAMESH CHANDRA BISWAS
CHAIRMAN OF SUB DIVISIONAL SC DEVELOPMENT BOARD
SILCHAR
R/O- VILL- ITKHOLA R K PALLY
P.O AND P.S- SILCHAR
DIST- CACHAR
ASSAM
PIN- 788001

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5: PRABHAT CHANDRA DAS S/O- AMBARIK DAS CHAIRMAN OF SUB DIVISIONAL SC DEVELOPMENT BOARD TINSUKIA R/O- VILL- DOHUTIA CHUK ROAD P.O AND P.S- TINSUKIA DIST- TINSUKIA ASSAM PIN- 786125

6: HRISHIKESH DAS
S/O- KRIPESH RANJAN DAS
VICE CHAIRMAN OF SUB DIVISIONAL SC DEVELOPMENT BOARD
HOJAI
R/O- LANKA
P.O- LANKA
DIST- HOJAI
ASSAM
PIN-

7: DEBESWAR MORAN
S/O- LATE RATNESWAR MORAN
CHAIRMAN OF SUB DIVISIONAL SC DEVELOPMENT BOARD
DIBRUGARH
R/O- VILL- BEBEJIA GAON
P.O AND P.S- LAHOWAL
DIST- DIBRUGARH
ASSAM
PIN- 786010

8: DEEPA HAZARIKA
D/O- INDRA PRASAD HAZARIKA
CHAIRMAN SUB DIVISIONAL SC BOARD
GUWAHATI
BHETAPARA
P.O- BHETAPARA
DIST- KAMRUP (M)
ASSAM

9: KULESWAR BORA CHAIRMAN SUB DIVISIONAL SC BOARD LAKHIMPUR P.O AND P.S- NORTH LAKHIMPUR DIST- LAKHIMPUR ASSAM 787001

10: RABIN MANDAL

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CHAIRMAN SC DEVELOPMENT BOARD KALIABOR S/O- LATE RAMAKANTA MANDAL R/O- VILL- TUBOKIJJARANI P.O- DAKHIN BELOGURI DIST- NAGAON ASSAM PIN- 78212

VERSUS

1:THE STATE OF ASSAM AND 12 ORS THROUGH THE COMMISSIONER AND SECRETARY TO THE GOVT OF ASSAM, WPT AND BC DEPTT, DISPUR, GUWAHATI- 781006

2:THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVT OF ASSAM WPT AND BC DEPTT DISPUR GUWAHATI- 781006

3:THE JOINT DIRECTOR TO THE GOVT OF ASSAM WPT AND BC DEPTT DISPUR GUWAHATI- 781006

4:THE DIRECTOR
WELFARE OF SCHEDULED CASTES
ASSAM
SARUMOTORIA
DISPUR
GUWAHATI- 06

5:THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER MORIGAON P.O- MORIGAON DIST- MORIGAON ASSAM PIN- 782105

6:THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER NAGAON P.O- NAGAON DIST- NAGAON ASSAM PIN- 782001

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7:THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER CACHAR P.O- SILCHAR DIST- CACHAR ASSAM PIN- 788001

8:THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER TINSUKIA P.O- TINSUKIA DIST- TINSUKIA ASSAM PIN- 786001

9:THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER HOJAI P.O- SANKARDEV NAGAR DIST- HOJAI ASSAM PIN- 782435

10:THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER DIBRUGARH P.O- DIBRUGARH DIST- DIBRUGARH ASSAM PIN- 786003

11:THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER KAMRUP (M) GUWAHATI DIST- KAMRUP (M) ASSAM PIN- 781001

12:THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER LAKHIMPUR P.O- NORTH LAKHIMPUR DIST- LAKHIMPUR ASSAM PIN- 787001

13:THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BARPETA P.O- BARPETA DIST- BARPETA ASSAM PIN- 78130

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Advocate for the Petitioner : MR. R MAZUMDAR

Advocate for the Respondent : GA, ASSAM

BEFORE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SUMAN SHYAM

ORDER

Date: 26-07-2019

Heard Mr. R. Mazumdar, learned counsel for the writ petitioners. I have also heard Mr. R. Dhar, learned Government Advocate, Assam, appearing for all the respondents.

The controversy in this writ petition pertains to the issue as to whether the term of office of the Sub-Divisional S.T. Boards constituted by the petitioners would be for a period 3 years or the same would have a life for 5 years.

There are conflicting notifications available on record touching upon the said issue. Therefore, the matter would call for examination by this Court.

Issue notice returnable on 26/08/2019.

Since the respondents are already represented, no formal notice is required to be sent in this case. However, extra copies of the writ petition, requisite in numbers, be furnished to the learned Government Advocate, within three days from today, enabling him to obtain instruction in the matter.

It appears that there are some perishable items such as vegetables etc. awaiting distribution amongst the beneficiaries. However, due to the interim order operating in a connected writ petition i.e. WP(C) 1510/2019, neither the petitioners are in a position to distribute the same nor would it be permissible for the Government to do so. Under the circumstances, it is only the beneficiaries who are suffering.

Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, as an interim measure, the Deputy



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Commissioner of the concerned district is directed to take necessary step for distribution of the perishable items. On that behalf, if necessary, the Deputy Commissioner may also take necessary steps for proper selection of the beneficiaries, as per law.

It is, however, made clear that the leave granted by this Court would remain confined only to the perishable items.

List this matter again on 26/08/2019 along with WP(C) 1510/2019.

Sef-Suman Shyam JUDGE

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