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

Case No. : PIL/27/2025

DADUL BHARALI
S/O LATE MAKHAN BHARALI
R/O HOUSE NO. 6, TERMINAL ROAD, JYOTINAGAR, BAMUNIMAIDAM,
GUWAHATI, DIST. KAMRUP (M), ASSAM, PIN-781021.

VERSUS

THE STATE OF ASSAM AND 9 ORS
REPRESENTED BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF ASSAM,
DISPUR, GUWAHATI-781006.

2:THE COMMISSIONER AND SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF ASSAM
URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
DISPUR
GUWAHATI-781006.

3:THE COMMISSIONER AND SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF ASSAM
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
DISPUR
GUWAHATI-781006.

4:THE GUWAHATI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
PANBAZAR
GUWAHATI-781001
REPRESENTED BY ITS COMMISSIONER.

5:THE GUWAHATI METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
NEAR G.M.C.H. BHANGARH
REPRESENTED BY ITS CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

6:THE ASSAM POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LTD.
BIJULEE BHAWAN
PALTAN BAZAR
REPRESENTED BY ITS CHAIRMAN/CEO.

7:THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE (TRAFFIC)
GUWAHATI
PANBAZAR POLICE STATION

GUWAHATI.
8:THE CENTRAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
NEAR ANURADHA CINEMA HALL
BAMUNIMAIDAM
REPRESENTED BY CHIEF ENGINEER.
9:THE BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED
PANBAZAR
NEAR NEHRU PARK
REPRESENTED BY G.M.
10:THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY AUTHORITY
GUWAHATI
NEDFI HOUSE
4TH FLOOR
G.S. ROAD
DISPUR
GUWAHATI-781006

Advocate for the Petitioner : MR. A R SIKDAR, MR. O FARUK,J A SIKDAR,MS M SARMA,MR. S I TALUKDAR

Advocate for the Respondent : GA, ASSAM, SC, APDCL,SC, NEDFI,SC, G M D A,SC, PWD

BEFORE

HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE (ACTING) MR. LANUSUNGKUM JAMIR

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANASH RANJAN PATHAK

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24.06.2025

(L.S. Jamir, C.J(Acting))

Heard Mr. A. R. Sikdar, learned counsel for the petitioner.

The petitioner had earlier approached this Court by filing PIL/4/2016, alleging indiscriminate placement of hoardings and billboards on the streets and dividers of the Guwahati roads. A further stand was taken that there is no proper guidelines regarding placement of hoardings and billboards in Guwahati.

During the pendency of the said PIL, the Guwahati Municipal Corporation

published a draft Notification in the name of "Guwahati Outdoor Advertisement Police Guidelines, 2017" for inviting objections from the public at large. The learned Senior Addl. Advocate General submitted that no objection has been received from anyone against any provision of the Policy Guidelines, 2017. Accordingly, the said PIL was disposed of on 07.05.2018, directing the Guwahati Municipal Corporation to immediately forward the draft Notification of Policy Guidelines, 2017 to the State Government for its due consideration and final Notification. This Court also directed that the final Notification shall be published positively within 6(six) weeks from the date of the order.

The present PIL has been filed alleging that despite expiry of more than 7(seven) years, the State Government is yet to notify the final Policy Guidelines, 2017.

Mr. P. Nayak, learned Addl. Advocate General, Assam appearing on behalf of the respondent Nos. 4 and 5 submits that the said Guwahati Outdoor Advertisement Policy Guidelines, 2017 was subsequently modified. However, the said modified guidelines are yet to be finalised.

The learned Addl. Advocate General, Assam shall file a status report with regard to the modified version of the Guwahati Outdoor Advertisement Policy Guidelines, 2017.

List the matter after 6(six) weeks.

JUDGE

CHIEF JUSTICE (ACTING)

Comparing Assistant